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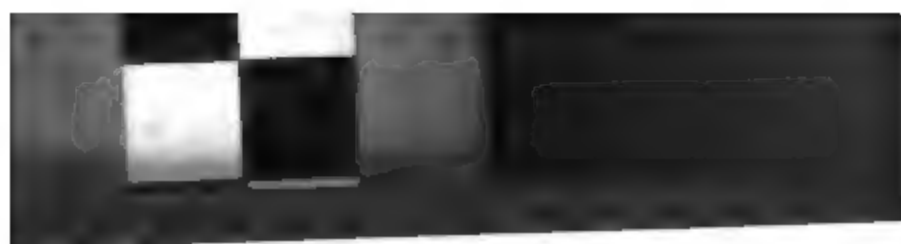
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GRAND LODGE OF CANADA IN THE PROVINCE OF ONTARIO.

PROCEEDINGS

*At an Especial Communication of the Grand Lodge of
A. F. & A. M. of Canada, in the Province of Ont-
ario, held at the Village of Hanover, on Thursday,
the twenty-eighth day of July, A.D. 1904, A.L. 5904.*

PRESENT:

M. W. Bro. Benjamin Allen	Grand Master.
R. W. Bro. M. J. McPherson	as Deputy Grand Master.
R. W. Bro. Thomas Pinkerton.....	as Grand Senior Warden.
W. Bro. J. B. Young.....	as Grand Junior Warden.
Bro. Horace E. Bray.....	as Grand Chaplain.
W. Bro. P. Zinn.....	as Grand Treasurer.
M. W. Bro. Hugh Murray.....	Grand Secretary.
R. W. Bro. J. C. Stewart, M. D.....	as Grand Registrar.
V. W. Bro. John Mitchell.....	as Grand Senior Deacon.
W. Bro. J. S. Knechtel.....	as Grand Junior Deacon.
W. Bro. John Mills.....	as Grand Supt. of Works.
R. W. Bro. W. J. Ferguson.....	as Grand Dir. of cer.
W. Bro. C. J. Mickle.....	as Grand Organist.
R. W. Bro. J. H. Scott.....	as Grand Sword Bearer.
W. Bro. C. M. Bowman.....	as Grand Pursuivant.
V. W. Bro. C. W. Witthun	} as Grand Stewards.
W. Bro. M. S. Armstrong.....	
Bro. Chas. Kuchner.....	
W. Bro. J. H. Bunt.....	
W. Bro. G. Sirra.....	}
R. W. Bro. J. A. McPherson.....	
W. Bro. Sutherland.....	as Grand Tyler.

Together with Masters, Past Masters and brethren hailing from various lodges.

The Grand Lodge was opened in ample form at 11 o'clock a. m. by M. W. Bro. Benjamin Allen, Grand Master, who announced that this Especial Communication of Grand Lodge had been called to assist him in laying the corner stone of St. Andrew's Presbyterian Church, Hanover.

The brethren acting as Grand Lodge Officers having received the necessary directions, the Grand Lodge was

...then addressed the M. W. the Grand Master, and requested him to lay the corner stone of the building according to ancient custom.

After the Grand Master's reply, and the presentation of a beautiful silver trowel, the ceremony of laying the corner stone was proceeded.

The Acting Grand Chaplain then as the Acting Grand Superintendent of the ceremony, unrolled the following scroll and deposited it in the case.

**In the Name and by the Favor of the
of the Universe.**

On the 28th Day of July, A. D. 1904, and
in the reign of our Gracious Sovereign

Edward VII,

King of Great Britain and Ireland and the
possessions beyond the seas, Defender of the Faith,
Emperor of India, etc.

The Rt. Hon. GILBERT JOHN ELLIOT, Esq.,
G. C. M. G., being Gov.-General of the Dominion of Wales

The Hon. WM. MORTIMER CLARKE, Esq.,
of Ontario.

The Rt. Hon. SIR WILFRID LAURIER,
being Premier of the Dominion of Wales
The Hon. G. W. ROSS, M. P., being Premier
of Ontario.

MATTHEW K. RICHARDSON, M. P. for
County of Grey.

Bro. DAVID JAMIESON being M. P. for
County of Grey

THE R. M. W. G. C. M. G. M.

This Corner Stone

OF THE ST. ANDREW'S PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH AT HANOVER

Was laid by M. W. Bro. Benj. Allen, Grand Master A. F. & A. M., assisted by the Grand Officers and in the presence of a large concourse of brethren and citizens of the village of Hanover and of the counties of Grey and Bruce.

BRO. W. A. MEARNES, M. D. } Church Trustees.
W. BRO. JOHN SUTHERLAND, }

BRO. JOS. E. COOMBES, Church Secretary.

HUGH MURRAY, P. G. M., Grand Secretary Grand Lodge
A. F. & A. M. of Canada.

The Acting Grand Treasurer then deposited the phial containing the coins of the Dominion, together with a copy of the Presbyterian Record, the Globe, the Mail and Empire, the Post, the voters' list, and the financial statement of the Village of Hanover in the cavity of the stone.

The Grand Wardens and the Deputy Grand Master applied the implements of their office to the stone, after it had been placed in position, and announced that the Craftsmen had done their duty.

The Grand Master then consecrated the stone with corn, wine and oil, and pronounced it well made, truly laid, well proven, true and trusty.

The Grand Master then delivered an oration suitable to the occasion. On the invitation of the Grand Master, M. W. Bro. Hugh Murray, Grand Secretary, addressed a few words to the assembled audience. Grand honors were then given and the Grand Chaplain invoked a blessing.

After Mr. C. J. Mickle delivered an address on behalf of the church officials, the procession reformed, the brethren repairing to the lodge-room, when the Grand Lodge was closed in ample form.

ATTEST:



Hugh Murray
Grand Secretary.



M. W. BRO. JAMES H. BURRITT, K. C.

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PROCEEDINGS

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A. F. & A. M. of Canada, in the Province of Ont-
tario, held at the Village of Hanover, on Thursday,
the twenty-eighth day of July, A.D. 1904, A.L. 5904.*

PRESENT:

M. W. Bro. Benjamin Allen	Grand Master.
R. W. Bro. M. J. McPherson	as Deputy Grand Master.
R. W. Bro. Thomas Pinkerton.....	as Grand Senior Warden.
W. Bro. J. B. Young.....	as Grand Junior Warden.
Bro. Horace E. Bray.....	as Grand Chaplain.
W. Bro. P. Zinn.....	as Grand Treasurer.
M. W. Bro. Hugh Murray.....	Grand Secretary.
R. W. Bro. J. C. Stewart, M.D.....	as Grand Registrar.
V. W. Bro. John Mitchell.....	as Grand Senior Deacon.
W. Bro. J. S. Knechtel.....	as Grand Junior Deacon.
W. Bro. John Mills.....	as Grand Supt. of Works.
R. W. Bro. W. J. Ferguson.....	as Grand Dir. of cer.
W. Bro. C. J. Mickle.....	as Grand Organist.
R. W. Bro. J. H. Scott.....	as Grand Sword Bearer.
W. Bro. C. M. Bowman.....	as Grand Pursuivant.
V. W. Bro. C. W. Witthun	} as Grand Stewards.
W. Bro. M. S. Armstrong.....	
Bro. Chas. Kuchner.....	
W. Bro. J. H. Bunt.....	
W. Bro. G. Sirrs.....	
R. W. Bro. J. A. McPherson.....	
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Together with Masters, Past Masters and brethren hailing from various lodges.

The Grand Lodge was opened in ample form at 11 o'clock a. m. by M. W. Bro. Benjamin Allen, Grand Master, who announced that this Especial Communication of Grand Lodge had been called to assist him in laying the corner stone of St. Andrew's Presbyterian Church, Hanover.

The brethren acting as Grand Lodge Officers having received the necessary *directions*, the Grand Lodge was

called off, and a procession formed under the direction of the Acting Grand Director of Ceremonies, and marched to the site in the prescribed order, taking their proper positions in the northeast corner of the building.

The Pastor of the Church, the Rev. Anthony L. Budge, then addressed the M. W. the Grand Master, and requested him to lay the corner stone of the church according to ancient custom.

After the Grand Master's reply, and the presentation to him of a beautiful silver trowel, the ceremony of the laying of the corner stone was proceeded with.

The Acting Grand Chaplain then asked a blessing, and the Acting Grand Superintendent of Works read the following scroll and deposited it in the cavity in the stone:

**In the Name and by the Favor of the Great Architect
of the Universe.**

On the 28th Day of July, A. D. 1904, and the 4th year of the
reign of our Gracious Sovereign.

Edward VII,

King of Great Britain and Ireland and the British Dominions
beyond the seas, Defender of the Faith,
Emperor of India, etc.

The Rt. Hon. GILBERT JOHN ELLIOT, Earl of Minto, P. C.,
G. C. M. G., being Gov.-General of Canada.

The Hon. WM. MORTIMER CLARKE being Lieut.-Governor
of Ontario.

The Rt. Hon. SIR WILFRID LAURIER, P. C., G. C. M. G.,
being Premier of the Dominion of Canada.

The Hon. G. W. ROSS, M. P.P., being Premier of the Province
of Ontario.

MATTHEW K. RICHARDSON, M. P. for the South Riding
County of Grey.

Bro. DAVID JAMIESON being M. P.P. for the South Riding
County of Grey.

The Rt. Rev. GEO. M. MILLIGAN, D. D., being Moderator of
the General Assembly.

The Rev. AUSTIN L. BUDGE, M. A., being minister at
Hanover.

JOSEPH PRINGLE, ESQ., being Warden of the County
of Grey.

Bro. W. A. MEARNES, M. D., being Reeve of the Village of
Hanover.

M. W. Bro. BENJ. ALLEN, being G. M. of the Grand Lodge of
Canada in Ontario, A. F. & A. M.

Rt. W. Bro. M. J. McPHERSON being D. D. G. M. 5th Masonic
S. H. District.

This Corner Stone

OF THE ST. ANDREW'S PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH AT HANOVER

Was laid by M. W. Bro. Benj. Allen, Grand Master A. F. & A. M., assisted by the Grand Officers and in the presence of a large concourse of brethren and citizens of the village of Hanover and of the counties of Grey and Bruce.

BRO. W. A. MEARNS, M. D. } Church Trustees.
W. BRO. JOHN SUTHERLAND, }

BRO. JOS. E. COOMBES, Church Secretary.

HUGH MURRAY, P. G. M., Grand Secretary Grand Lodge
A. F. & A. M. of Canada.

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The Grand Wardens and the Deputy Grand Master applied the implements of their office to the stone, after it had been placed in position, and announced that the Craftsmen had done their duty.

The Grand Master then consecrated the stone with corn, wine and oil, and pronounced it well made, truly laid, well proven, true and trusty.

The Grand Master then delivered an oration suitable to the occasion. On the invitation of the Grand Master, M. W. Bro. Hugh Murray, Grand Secretary, addressed a few words to the assembled audience. Grand honors were then given and the Grand Chaplain invoked a blessing.

After Mr. C. J. Mickle delivered an address on behalf of the church officials, the procession reformed, the brethren repairing to the lodge-room, when the Grand Lodge was closed in ample form.

ATTEST:



Hugh Murray
Grand Secretary.

PROCEEDINGS.

*At an Especial Communication of the
A. F. & A. M. of Canada, in the
tario, held at the Village of Dunnv
day, the third day of August, A.D.*

PRESENT :

M. W. Bro. Benjamin Allen.....	Grand
R. W. Bro. I. P. Wilson.....	as Past C
R. W. Bro. W. F. Bald.....	as Deputy
R. W. Bro. William Kennedy	as Grand
R. W. Bro. Samuel Amsden.....	as Grand
Rev. Bro. Gabriel Johnstone, D.D...	as Grand
W. Bro. David Ross.....	as Grand
R. W. Bro. James Old.....	as Grand
M. W. Bro. Hugh Murray.....	Grand
W. Bro. John Scholfield.....	as Grand
R. W. Bro. J. Leubsdorf.....	as Grand
W. Bro. J. W. Scholfield.....	as Grand
V. W. Bro. J. C. Eccles	as Grand
W. Bro. T. Marshall.....	as Grand
V. W. Bro. N. Shaffley.....	as Grand
W. Bro. John Cohoe.....	as Grand
V. W. Bro. A. Couper.....	as Grand
W. Bro. R. Greenwood.....	} as Grand
W. Bro. A. M. Clark.....	
W. Bro. S. W. Brown.....	
W. Bro. B. Bunn.....	
W Bro W T Anthony.....	

ESPECIAL COMMUNICATION, DUNNVILLE, 5904. 7

The brethren acting as Grand Lodge Officers having received the necessary directions, the Grand Lodge was called off, a procession formed under the direction of the Acting Grand Director of Ceremonies, and marched to the site in prescribed order, taking their proper positions at the northeast corner of the building.

An address was then presented by the Reeve of Dunnville to the M. W. the Grand Master.

After the Grand Master's reply thereto, and the presentation to him of a beautiful silver trowel, the ceremony of laying the corner stone was proceeded with.

The Grand Chaplain then asked a blessing and the Grand Superintendent of Works read the following scroll and deposited it in the cavity of the stone.

**In the Name and by the Favor of the Grand Architect
of the Universe.**

On the Third day of August, A. D. 1904, A. L. 5904, the fourth year of the reign of our Gracious Sovereign,

Edward VII,

King of Great Britain and Ireland, Emperor of India and dependencies in Asia, Europe, Africa, Dominion of Canada, the Commonwealth of Australia, etc.

His Excellency, the EARL OF MINTO, being Governor-General of Canada.

The Honorable MORTIMER CLARKE, being Lieutenant-Governor of the Province of Ontario.

The Right Honorable SIR WILFRID LAURIER being Premier of the Dominion of Canada.

The Honorable GEORGE W. ROSS, being Premier of the Province of Ontario.

The Honorable RICHARD HARCOURT, being Minister of Education in the Province of Ontario.

CHARLES WEBSTER WINSLOW being Mayor of the Town of Dunnville.

M. W. Bro. BENJAMIN ALLEN, Grand Master of the Grand Lodge of Canada, A. F. & A. M., in the Province of Ontario.

R. W. Bro. W. F. BALD, D. D. G. M. of the Tenth Masonic District.

G. H. BRITT, Chairman.
W. L. WEATHERBY.
G. T. BLACKWELL.
W. D. SWAYZE.
F. R. LALOR.
THOMAS MARSHALL.
W. D. COLBERRY, Secretary.

HUGH MURRAY, Grand Secretary Grand
M., of Canada.

- Dunnville, Ont., third day of August, A. D.

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The Grand Master then consecrated
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GRAND LODGE OF CANADA

IN THE PROVINCE OF ONTARIO.

PROCEEDINGS.

At an Especial Communication of the Grand Lodge of A. F. & A. M. of Canada, in the Province of Ontario, held at the Village of Kinlough on Thursday, the 18th day of August, A. D. 1904, A. L. 5904.

PRESENT:

M. W. Bro. Hugh Murray, P.G.M.....	as Grand Master.
R. W. Bro. S. Y. Taylor.....	as Past Grand Master.
R. W. Bro. M. J. McPherson.....	as Deputy Grand Master.
V. W. Bro. H. Days.....	as Grand Senior Warden.
V. W. Bro. E. Miller.....	as Grand Junior Warden.
Bro. J. B. Wallwin.....	as Grand Chaplain.
W. Bro. H. G. Armstrong.....	as Grand Treasurer.
V. W. Bro. J. A. Macpherson.....	as Grand Secretary.
V. W. Bro. J. C. Cooke.....	as Grand Registrar.
W. Bro. James Bryan.....	as Grand Senior Deacon.
W. Bro. W. J. Bruce.....	as Grand Junior Deacon.
W. Bro. Frank Collins.....	as Grand Supt. of Works.
W. Bro. Hugh Morrison.....	as Grand Dir. of Cer.
W. Bro. D. Patterson.....	as Grand Sword Bearer.
W. Bro. J. Morrison.....	as Grand Pursuivant.
W. Bro. A. M. Spence.....	as Grand Stewards.
W. Bro. Walter Wilson.....	
W. Bro. A. Salmon.....	
Bro. R. Baird.....	
Bro. S. Henry.....	as Grand Tyler.
Bro. David Taylor.....	
Bro. Samuel Robertson.....	

Together with Masters, Past Masters and brethren hailing from various lodges.

The Grand Lodge was opened in due form at 4.30 o'clock afternoon, by M. W. Bro. Hugh Murray, Past Grand Master, who announced that he was commissioned by the M. W. the Grand Master to call this Especial Communication of Grand Lodge to assist him in laying the corner stone of Ascension Episcopal Church, called the Church of Ascension.

An address was then presented by
Parish, the Rev. A. A. Bice, B. A.,
Grand Master.

KINLOUGH

*To the M. W. Grand Master of the
Canada :*

It is with great pleasure that, on behalf
of this church, I welcome you and the
ternity of Masons, to lay, with the time
ceremonies of your Craft, the corner-stone

We appreciate your presence and feel
according to our request, and trust that with
your visit may be both profitable and enjoyable

Signed on behalf of the congregation
Kensington, Kinlough.

After the Acting Grand Master's
ceremony of laying the corner stone was

The Acting Grand Chaplain then as
the Grand Superintendent of Works
scroll and deposited it in the cavity of

**In the Name and by the Favor of the
of the Universe.**

On the 18th day of August, A. D. 1904, A
year of the reign of our Gracious

ESPECIAL COMMUNICATION, KINLOUGH, 1904. 11

SIR WILFRID LAURIER, being Premier of the Dominion of Canada.

HON. GEO. W. ROSS, being Premier of the Province of Ontario.

JOHN TOLMIE, M. P., being name of political Minister.

Right Rev. MAURICE S. BALDWIN, by divine permission
Lord Bishop of Huron.

Rev. A. A. BICE, B. A., being rector of this parish.

McCHARLES, ESQ., being Warden of the County of Bruce.

M. W. Bro. BENJAMIN ALLEN, Grand Master of the Grand
Lodge of Canada, A. F. & A. M., in the Province
of Ontario.

M. J. McPHERSON, District Deputy Grand Master of the 5th
Masonic District.

This Corner Stone

OF THE CHURCH OF ASCENSION, KINLOUGH.

was laid by **M. W. Bro. Hugh Murray**, Past Grand Master, as
sisted by the Grand Officers, and in the presence of a
large concourse of brethren and inhabitants
of the County of Bruce.

REV. A. A. BICE, B. A.
THOMAS ATKINSON.
HUGH TAYLOR.
WESLEY BOYLE.
JOHN HODGINS.
WILLIAM McLEAN, Secretary.
Building Committee.
HARRY HALDENBY.
WM. PERCY.

Wardens.

HUGH MURRAY, Past Grand Master, Grand Secretary Grand
Lodge A. F. & A. M., of Canada.

Kinlough, Ont., 18th day of August, 1904.

The Grand Treasurer then deposited the phial contain-
ing the coins of the Dominion, together with copies of
certain papers and records.

The Acting Grand Master and the Deputy Grand Mas-
ter applied the implements of their office to the stone after
it had been placed in position, and announced that the
Craftsmen had done their duty.

The Acting Grand Master then consecrated the stone
with corn, wine and oil, and pronounced it well made,
truly aid, well proved, true and trusty.



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GRAND LODGE OF CANADA

IN THE PROVINCE OF ONTARIO.

At the Fiftieth Annual Communication of the Grand Lodge of A. F. & A. M. of Canada, in the Province of Ontario, held in the City of Hamilton, commencing on Wednesday, the Nineteenth day of July, A. D. 1905, A. L. 5905.

PRESENT:

THE GRAND MASTER,

M. W. Bro. Benjamin Allen, on the Throne.

THE DEPUTY GRAND MASTER,

R. W. Bro. James H. Burritt, K. C.

R. W. Bro. Thomas W. Lester.....	as Grand Senior Warden.
R. W. Bro. J. D. H. Browne.....	Grand Junior Warden.
R. W. Bro. Rev. W. L. Baynes-Reid...	Grand Chaplain.
M. W. Bro. E. T. Malone, K. C.....	Grand Treasurer.
M. W. Bro. Hugh Murray.....	Grand Secretary.
R. W. Bro. Lud. K. Cameron.....	Grand Registrar.
W. Bro. J. H. Macabe.....	as Grand Senior Deacon.
V. W. Bro. R. F. Richardson.....	Grand Junior Deacon.
V. W. Bro. N. R. Miller.....	Grand Supt. of Works.
W. Bro. J. M. Cornell.....	as Grand Dir. of Cer.
V. W. Bro. J. B. Way.....	Grand Sword Bearer.
V. W. Bro. Raymond Walker.....	Grand Organist.
V. W. Bro. J. A. Fraser.....	Grand Pursuivant.
V. W. Bro. Alex. Morris.....	Grand Stewards.
V. W. Bro. John Ridley.....	
V. W. Bro. Richard Dorsett.....	
V. W. Bro. Frank A. Clark.....	
W. Bro. J. W. Armstrong.....	as
V. W. Bro. William Shafer.....	Grand Standard Bearer.
Bro. William Tocher.....	Grand Tyler.
Historian of Grand Lodge, M. W. Bro. J. Ross Robertson.	

DISTRICT DEPUTY GRAND MASTERS.

R. W. Bro. D. F. Webster.....	Erie	District No. 1
" S. W. Trussler.....	St. Clair	" 2
" Henry Roe.....	London	" 3
" Geo. Malcolm.....	South Huron	" 4
" M. J. McPherson.....	North Huron	" 5
" S. Y. Taylor.....	Wilson	" 6
" John W. Porteous.....	Wellington	" 7
" Fred. Walter.....	Hamilton	" 8

GRAND LODGE OF CANADA.

"	E. A. Wakefield.....	Georgian	District No. 9
"	W. F. Bald.....	Niagara	" 10
"	E. J. B. Duncan.....	Toronto West	" 11
"	J. J. Thompson.....	Toronto East	" 11a
"	P. H. Punshon.....	Ontario	" 12
"	J. E. Hallowell.....	Prince Edward	" 13
"	J. A. Minnes.....	Frontenac	" 14
"	G. B. Magee.....	St. Lawrence	" 15
"	S. A. Luke.....	Ottawa	" 16
"	W. A. Weir.....	Algoma	" 17
"	W. W. McPhee.....	Muskoka	" 19
"	R. H. Hanes.....	Eastern	" 21

GRAND REPRESENTATIVES

FROM GRAND LODGE OF

M. W. Bro. J. Ross Robertson.....	England.
M. W. Bro. Benjamin Allen.....	Ireland.
R. W. Bro. R. L. Gunn.....	British Columbia.
R. W. Bro. J. A. C. Anderson.....	New Brunswick.
M. W. Bro. Hon. Wm. Gibson.....	Quebec.
R. W. Bro. D. D. Campbell.....	New South Wales.
R. W. Bro. L. Secord, M.D.....	New Zealand.
R. W. Bro. J. H. Burritt, K. C.....	South Australia.
R. W. Bro. Alfred E. Webster.....	Tasmania.
R. W. Bro. A. T. Freed.....	Alabama.
R. W. Bro. J. G. Hegler, K.C.....	Arkansas.
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M. W. Bro. W. R. White, K.C.....	Georgia.
R. W. Bro. Abraham Shaw.....	Illinois.
M. W. Bro. Hon. J. K. Kerr, K.C.....	Indiana.
R. W. Bro. W. G. Reid.....	Kansas.
R. W. Bro. D. F. Macwatt, K.C.....	Louisiana.
R. W. Bro. C. N. Postlethwaite.....	Maine.
R. W. Bro. Aubrey White.....	Maryland.
R. W. Bro. A. H. Clark.....	Michigan.
M. W. Bro. A. A. Stevenson.....	Minnesota.
M. W. Bro. J. K. Kerr, K. C.....	Missouri.
M. W. Bro. Hon. J. M. Gibson, K.C.....	Montana.
R. W. Bro. William Roaf.....	Nebraska.
M. W. Bro. Hon. J. K. Kerr, K.C.....	New Jersey.
R. W. Bro. William Rea.....	New Mexico.
M. W. Bro. Hugh Murray.....	New York.
R. W. Bro. John Hoodless.....	North Carolina.
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R. W. Bro. Burley Burch.....	Ohio.
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... great pleasure indeed, to me, to
tend to you, on behalf of the City of Hamil
and brotherly welcome. We in Hamilton
upon being closely allied with this Grand Lo
50 years ago that the Grand Lodge of Can
tion, and your growth and development have
satisfaction to us. You now, I believe, have
bers in this Province to celebrate your ses
Hamilton we are personally proud in the ki
men who helped to build up the Grand Lo
men who have worked for the educational a
gress of our city, which have kept pace with
Grand Lodge. Grand Master and members,
you a hearty welcome.

The Grand Master, M. W. Bro. Benjamin
plying, said:

Mr. Mayor and Gentlemen:

I feel fully assured as to the genuineness
extended by you to Grand Lodge. I know
very warm, and the welcome which you have
to Grand Lodge, if it turns out to be as warm
doubt it will, the members of Grand Lodge
ciate it. This is the fiftieth anniversary of o
It was in this city, as the Mayor has intim
ago, less two or three months, that the first
Lodge was held, and it is eminently fitting th
ennial session should also be held in this ci
tell you of the growth of our Order, because I
one of ourselves. You are all members of
need I say that we are all peaceful and law-
and that not a member of this Grand Lodge,
disgrace your city. I do not think I need to
of Grand Lodge in any lengthy way referring
growth of your city. yet I --

coming fifty years make as great strides. I wish you success, and I hope that your duties will enable you, within the next two days, to come and spend a few hours with us. I thank you for your reception.

A constitutional number of lodges being represented, the Grand Lodge was opened in ample form at 11.15 o'clock a. m., and the Grand Chaplain implored a blessing from the G. A. O. T. U. upon the proceedings.

The Worshipful Masters of the Hamilton Lodges, headed by W. Bro. George Moore, then presented the following address of welcome:

to the Most Worshipful Brother Benjamin Allen, Grand Master, and the Grand Lodge, Ancient Free and Accepted Masons of Canada in the Province of Ontario:

The brethren of the Masonic lodges of Hamilton are gratified at the opportunity afforded them by the fiftieth annual communication of Grand Lodge to welcome you to the Ambitious City, and to assure you of their esteem and affection.

The decision of Grand Lodge to meet in Hamilton on this occasion was felt to be peculiarly fitting, in view of the fact that it was at a meeting held in this city fifty years ago that the organization of an independent Grand Lodge in this jurisdiction was consummated. As it was then the birthplace of the governing body of the Masonry in Canada, Hamilton ever since has been in the forefront of Masonic activity, and aside from the special reasons which exist for satisfaction that this annual communication is held here, we wish to assure you of our continued loyalty to Grand Lodge, and to tender you a hearty and fraternal greeting. These sentiments toward the members of Grand Lodge and to the visitors who have accompanied them are shared by all citizens of Hamilton, who welcome you to their beautiful city, and hope your stay will be pleasant. We trust you will find time to enjoy its manifold attractions, and to visit some of the industrial establishments, which will be open to your inspection.

During the fifty years of its existence Grand Lodge has been honored by a succession of rulers who have presided over its deliberations with credit to themselves and great benefit to the Craft. In that illustrious line of eminent and distinguished brethren, you, Most Worshipful Sir, hold a worthy place, and the lodges in Hamilton, knowing by long experience of your valuable service to our noble Order, and of these qualities of head and heart which have endeared you to all, deem it an added privilege to greet you as an occupant of the grand east.

We trust that this annual communication of Grand Lodge may round out fittingly its half-century of excellent work for Masonry, that harmony may prevail in all its discussions, and

W. W. BARLOW,
W. M. Acacia Lodge, N
E. F. LAZIER,
W. M. Temple Lodge, 1
DAVID R. GIBSON,
W. M. Doric Lodge, No.
JOHN HOOPER,
W. M. Dundurn Lodge,

The Grand Master, replying to th

I must say that I have had many oppo
ent at your lodge meetings, and I have
harmony and greater unity prevail than
of the Hamilton lodges. My only diffi
who is the Worshipful Master of the loc
visiting, for the Masters present of the
all taken a deep interest in the work of
lowing out the ideals you have adopted
be a credit to the Craft. This city is t
There is no portion of the Masonic
Masonry is carried out better than here
heartily indeed for your kind address o
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COMMITTEE ON CREDEN'

R. W. Bros. William Roaf, J. A. M
son, Fred. Walter, W. J. Ferguson,
W. Bro. A. K. Wanless, the Committ
Representatives and Proxies from 1
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represented by their duly qualified of
sented by proxy ; 14 are not represent
Past Masters present ; 35 are unrepr
There are 1,176 names registered

No. 5. Sussex, Brockville.

W. Bro. Henry Rath, W. M.; W. Bros. J. A. Laidlaw and J. S. Dodds, P. M's.

No. 6. The Barton, Hamilton.

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W. Bro. W. S. Herrington, W. M.

No. 10. Norfolk, Simcoe.

Bro. W. C. Everett, S. W., and R. W. Bro. T. R. Atkinson, P. M.

No. 11. Moira, Belleville.

W. Bro. E. F. Milburn, W. M.

No. 14. True Britons, Perth.

W. Bro. W. J. McKerracher, W. M.

No. 15. St. George's, St. Catharines.

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No. 20. St. John's, London.

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William Roaf, A. W. Porte, (1
Brown, V. W. Bro. G. S. Ryer
tedo. F. W. Harcourt and R. R.

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W. Bro. F. H. Brown, W. M.

No. 27. Strict Observance, H
W. Bro. Frank Hills, W. M.;
W.; J. A. Yorick, J. W.; R. W.
Gunn, Thos. M. Davis, R. A. Hu
Herring, W. Bros. E. J. Moore,
Chance, F. J. Howell, G. W. Ka
Morton, G. R. Lloyd and W. Pa

No. 28. Mount Zion, Kemp
W. Bro. A. Langstaff, Proxy, P.

No. 29. United, Brighto
W. Bro. A. E. M. Lovett, W. M.

No. 30. Composite, Whit
W. Bro. W. J. H. Richardson, V
J. W., and W. Bro. F. Hatch, P.

No. 31. Jerusalem, Bowmar
Bro. J. S. Moorcraft, W. M., and
son, P. M.

No. 32. Amity, Dunnvill
W. Bro. E. J. Aikens, W. M.; B
R. W. Bro. R. G. W. Conolly, V
Marshall, J. A. Scholfield and J.

No. 33. Maitland, Goderi
W. Bro. J. Galt, W. M.; Bro. W.

No. 34. Thistle, Amhersth
W. Bro. A. W. Marsh W. M.

No. 39. Mount Zion, Brooklyn.

W. Bro. Chas. Calder, W. M.; Bro. John Bright, J. W., and W. Bro. Dr. Moore, P. M.

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W. Bro. F. W. McBean, W. M.; Bro. John McGachie, S. W.; V. W. Bro. A. McGachie, W. Bros. F. Minns and W. F. Hodges, P. M's.

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W. Bro. P. S. Minshall, W. M.; R. W. Bro. Henry Roe and W. Bro. A. Leitch, P. M's.

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W. Bro. Dr. Gamble, W. M., and W. Bro. J. P. Hough, P. M.

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W. Bro. A. H. M. Connor, W. M.

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No. 54. Vaughan, Maple.

W. Bro. Jas. B. McLean, W. M.; Bro. T. H. Keyes, J. W.

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W. Bro. W. J. Johnston, W. M.; Bro. G. R. Putnam, J. W.; R. W. Bro. G. B. Magee, W. Bros. A. Langstaff and John Dunlop, P. M's.

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Lang, James Muir and George Bush, P. M's.

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Potter, P. M's.
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- No. 108. Blenheim, Princeton**
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P. M.
- No. 109. Albion, Harrowsmith**
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- No. 110. Central, Prescott.**
W. Bro. Chas. Baker, W. M.
- No. 113. Wilson, Waterford.**
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Wm McGuire, P. M.

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- No. 123. The Belleville, Belleville.
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V. W. Bro. John Ridley, Proxy.
- No. 125. Golden Rule, Campbellford.
W. Bro. R. Lowry, Proxy.
- No. 127. Franck, Frankford.
W. Bro. H. V. Malone, W. M.
- No. 128. Pembroke, Pembroke.
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W. Bro. A. P. Bruce, Proxy, and W. Bro. D. C. Smith, P. M's.
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V. W. Bro. F. A. Clark, Proxy.

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C. H. Meryville, P. M's.
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Geo. Malcolm and W. Bro. J. P. R.
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- No. 146. **Prince of Wales, Newb**
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Longmore, P. M's.
- No. 147. **Mississippi, Almonte.**
W. Bro. J. K. Kelly, W. M.
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- No. 414.** Pequonga, Kenora.
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- No. 417.** Keewatin, Keewatin Mills.
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- No. 418.** Maxville, Maxville.
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W. Bro. G. W. Smith, Proxy.

No. 430. Acacia, East Toronto
W. Bro. E. Brownlee, W. M.; R. V.
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No. 431. Moravian, Eden Grov
W. Bro. Thos. Pinkerton, Proxy.

No. 432. Hanover, Hanover.
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W. Bro. Geo. Chalmers, Proxy.
- No. 440. Arcadia, Minden.**
W. Bro. John Welch, W. M., and V. W. Bro. J. W. Watson, P. M.
- No. 441. Westport, Westport.**
W. Bro. A. W. Grey, P. M.
- No. 442. Dymont, Thessalon.**
W. Bro. A. R. Code, Proxy.
- No. 443. Powassan Powassan.**
W. Bro. A. H. Porter, Proxy, and W. Bro. S. Phillips, P. M's.
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- No. 445. Lake of the Woods Kenora.**
R. W. Bro. W. A. Weir, Proxy.
- No. 446. Granite, Fort Francis.**
W. Bro. J. W. Armstrong, Proxy.
- No. 447. Sturgeon Falls, Sturgeon Falls.**
W. Bro. G. W. McFarland, W. M., and R. W. Bro. A. J. Young, P. M.
- No. 449. Dundalk, Dundalk.**
W. Bro. J. A. Rosebrough, W. M., and W. Bro. F. J. Vandusen, P. M.
- No. 450. Hawkesbury, Hawkesbury.**
R. W. Bro. Abbott Johnson, Proxy.
- No. 451. Somerville, Kinmount.**
W. Bro. George Train, W. M.
- No. 452. Avonmore, Avonmore.**
W. Bro. A. M. Fulton, Proxy.
- No. 453. Royal, Fort William.**
W. Bro. A. M. McNaughton, W. M.
- No. 454. Corona, Burk's Falls.**
W. Bro. Jas. Hillier, W. M.
- No. 456. Elma, Monkton.**
W. Bro. Geo. Golightly, W. M.
- No. 459. Cobden, Cobden.**
W. Bro. R. Dillahey, W. M.
- No. 460. Rideau, Seeley's Bay.**
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- No. 461. Ionic, Rainy River.**
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John Brown, C. M.

The Grand Master, M. W. Bro. B. Allen, said: We are delighted to welcome you to-day among us. I am very glad to be able to receive our Representative to the Grand Lodge of New York, R. W. Bro. Hungerford Smith. He is one of our best representatives. I wish to say a word here, as I think it is fair to the distinguished brother, I appealed to the Grand Master of the State of New York on behalf of the widow of a deceased brother, who had died in our city, for the payment of some insurance money, and M. W. Bro. Robinson kindly volunteered, without any expense whatever, to take the matter up. He would have carried it, I am sure, to a successful issue in the courts if it had been required. However, the matter was agreeably settled and I am glad to be able to testify to his kind assistance. I am glad to welcome our distinguished visitors here. In a few moments we shall hear from them. (Applause.) M. W. Bro. Stevenson will say something to the Grand Master of the State of Michigan.

M. W. Bro. Colonel A. A. Stevenson: I am a little taken back by the announcement made by our Grand Master in deputing me to extend greetings to our distinguished visitor from Michigan. He could have done it in much better style than I, but he could not be more sincere in his good wishes to the Grand Lodge of the State of Michigan or to the Grand Master of that State than I. We are indebted to the Grand Lodge of the State of Michigan, for the Grand Master of that State, on the day when our Grand Lodge was formed fifty years ago came to Hamilton and installed the Grand Lodge Officers of our new Grand Lodge. I do not know if there is anything in a name, some people say there is. However, it was a good thing to have M. W. Bro. Backus at the "back of us" then. (Applause.) It was a good act of that Most Worshipful Grand Master, and it is not forgotten and never will be by us. The weather is a little warm, but no warmer than the welcome we give now to you.

M. W. Bro. John Rowson, Grand Master of Michigan, said: Most Worshipful Grand Master and brethren, I thank you most heartily for this cordial welcome to the Grand Lodge of Canada and on behalf of the fifty-two thousand Masons of the State of Michigan. I thank you also for the invitation to be present on this occasion to assist in celebrating *with you the fiftieth anniversary of the birth of the Grand Lodge of Canada.*

Most Worshipful Sir and brethren, I feel to-day that I am back once more to my old stumping ground, for fifty years ago, on the 24th day of last May, near the little town of Port Hope, a most beautiful spot to me, I was ushered on to this earth. For twenty-five years I took great delight and pleasure in celebrating Queen Victoria's birthday, that noble woman, and also celebrating my own. (Applause.) On the 24th day of last May in the city of Detroit I was elected and installed Most Worshipful Grand Master of the State of Michigan, on my fiftieth birthday, and I come to you to-day to assist you and myself in celebrating this auspicious occasion.

I am delighted to meet my brother Masons of Canada, and although I am well acquainted with many of them, yet I have had the pleasure of a long acquaintance with the Past Grand Master of the State of New York, M. W. Bro. Sutherland. On the occasion of the visit of M. W. Bro. Wm. Gibson to Detroit, in June of this year, I promised I would pay this fraternal visit to your Grand Lodge in the city of Hamilton, and I believe we will have a hot time while I remain.

I do not know that I can say anything more only I am indeed pleased to be present on this occasion, and I hope and pray that our flags, your flag and my flag, may always be unfurled in peace, brotherly love and prosperity throughout all time. (Applause.)

The Grand Master, M. W. Bro. Allen then called upon M. W. Bro. R. T. Walkem to extend greetings to the representative of the Grand Lodge of New York, M. W. Bro. W. A. Sutherland.

M. W. Bro. R. T. Walkem said: As a Past Grand Master of the State of New York we welcome M. W. Bro. Sutherland. I know Bro. Sutherland personally, and for the few years I have known him he has endeared himself very much to me indeed. He is a thoroughly good Mason. I congratulate Bro. Sutherland on the eminent position he occupies in the State of New York as Past Grand Master. I also congratulate the State of New York in having had such a Grand Master. I am introducing him as representing the State of New York, not as a member of the Grand Lodge of Canada, and I will say that we are very much pleased to have him as a representative of that State in attendance at Grand Lodge to-day. I listened with considerable interest to the state-

ment of the Grand Master of the Grand Lodge of Michigan with regard to the number of brethren in that State, but Bro. Sutherland is from a State where there are one hundred and thirty-two thousand Masons. There is only an imaginary line between us. Your presence here assists in advancing the interest of the Craft on both sides of the line. I welcome you, Bro. Sutherland, as representing the Grand Lodge of the State of New York. I extend to you hearty greetings and hope that you will always have a lively affection for the brethren of the Grand Lodge of Canada.

M. W. Bro. Sutherland in reply said: Most Worshipful Grand Master, Most Worshipful Sirs, and beloved Brethren all, I find myself like the little daughter of a very absent-minded professor at Columbia University, whose father sitting in the park one afternoon was accosted by a maid in charge of a little girl and asked to look after that little girl for a few moments. The absent-minded professor after a while finding that the maid did not return, cast about as to what to do with the little girl, and finally took her to his home, but as he went up the steps of his residence he was met by his wife, who exclaimed: "Why, there is Florence; where have you been with her?" and the professor replied "I thought somehow her face seemed familiar."

It seems to me that when I was just now introduced some of you at least must have thought that my face seemed familiar. However, any one may be proud to be introduced to the Grand Lodge of Canada. Our Most Worshipful brother may glory in the Grand Lodge of Michigan, and I in my own mother Grand Lodge, and members of other Grand Lodges in any other part of the habitable globe may take just pride in their own, but when a man stands here among the Freemasons of Canada he is among glorious men, and if he indeed be a man he must indeed feel at home.

The Grand Lodge of Michigan and the Grand Lodge of New York give greetings to the Grand Lodge of Canada, and it is of little moment whether our membership be thirty-five thousand or fifty thousand or one hundred and thirty-two thousand. You know the story of the darky down south, who, after our Civil war, concluded that he would like to be legally married. So he said to

his old master on whose plantation he was still employed, "I want a license for to get married." His old master told him that he would be going to town the next day and would get him a license, and the following afternoon the license was produced and Sambo was told that it would cost a dollar. The license being read to him the darkey discovered that it contained the name of Sarah Jane, whereupon the darkey said, "Whv, Massa, I ain't gwine to marry Sarah Jane, I'se gwine to marry Julia Ann." Upon this his old master informed him that it would be necessary to surrender that license and take out another in the name of Julia Ann, and that it would cost him another dollar. Whereupon the darkey said, "Well, never mind about that, Massa, I'll take the license with Sarah Jane for there aint a dollar's difference atween em air gals."

It matters not whether we are registered under one Grand Lodge or another, we are all Freemasons, enlisted in the same cause, serving the same God, and carrying out the same grand principles. We do indeed clasp our hands as brethren, in fact, across what is but an invisible border between us. The minor and immaterial differences in local government and local laws which distinguish one part of our common country from another, do not render us strangers nor affect the strength of the ties which bind us.

True, this part of my country where you live is called Canada, and that part of your country and mine where our Most Worshipful brother (the Grand Master of Michigan) lives is called Michigan, and my home happens to be located in that part of our Father's domain which is called Rochester, in the State of New York; but nevertheless we are all of one family, members of one household, children of one Father, and furthermore bound together by the mystic ties of Freemasonry.

As such it would seem that the Divine Hand is guiding us as comparatively one people to do His service in the advancement and uplifting of mankind. Here on the American continent, it would seem, has been deposited the leaven which is to leaven the whole world, for from our shores flow forth streams of influence penetrating to the far, far east; and the thousand miles of sea coast of British Columbia, those thousands of miles of sea coast

belonging to the United States, daily and almost hourly receive pilgrims from the Orient coming into and under the influence of our Anglo-Saxon civilization. That civilization has itself been molded and fashioned as well as leavened by the teachings of Freemasonry, and the Grand Lodge of Canada has its part to perform in the great work which our Heavenly Father has given us to do in the forefront of evangelizing the world. Aptly indeed then may we all address the fair and snow-capped queen of our hearts, the Grand Lodge of Canada, in the words of Mordecai to Esther, "Who knoweth whether thou art come to the kingdom for such a time as this!" Brethren, let us be true to Grand Lodge, to country, and to God. (Applause.)

M. W. Bro. Sutherland, at the request of the Grand Master, presented R. W. Bro. Hungerford Smith to the Grand Lodge in the following words: I have the unusual pleasure of performing a real introductory ceremony, Most Worshipful Grand Master, that is, I have the very distinguished honor now of presenting my long timed personal friend, noble man and glorious Mason and distinguished citizen of the Commonwealth of the State of New York, who has the honor of being your representative to the Grand Lodge of that State, R. W. Bro. Hungerford Smith. It is with assured satisfaction as the representative of the Grand Lodge of Canada to the Grand Lodge of the State of New York we welcome you. Our brethren await your pleasure and your words.

R. W. Bro. Hungerford Smith said: Brethren of the Grand Lodge of Canada, you know what reasonable degree of sympathy I must expect from you when following M. W. Bro. Sutherland in his address. I confess I feel something like the man whose early education had been neglected. He fell in the water, as he came up he gasped for breath, and seeing a man on the dock said, "Save me, I cannot swim." "Neither can I," said the man, "but I am not hollering about it." I am not hollering, of course, but yet I have a most difficult task before me in speaking after so eloquent a brother. I am charged, most Worshipful Sir, with a pleasing and honorable mission. It is my duty to convey to you, not only the greetings of the Grand Master but of one hundred and thirty-two thousand Masons from the State of New

York. We bid you God speed, and may you have a happy semi-centennial and much prosperity.

As I look into the faces of this magnificent body of men I am persuaded more fully that Masonry stands alone above all human organized societies in the known world. The artisan, the employer, and the most learned professors are found within the portals of our Lodges. His Majesty, the King of England, is a Mason, and His Excellency, Theodore Roosevelt, President of the United States, is also a Mason. Ninety per cent. of the law makers of the United States are Masons, and I understand that the same percentage also prevails throughout the other portions of the English speaking world. With this great force the battle for humanity for the highest ideals of mankind is going on among us. I trust the prosperity of this great country will ever go on.

Brethren, I wish at this time to thank you for the high honor that was conferred upon me in 1902 by M. W. Bro. Harding, then Grand Master of the Grand Lodge of Canada, in appointing me the representative of the Grand Lodge of Canada near the Grand Lodge of the State of New York. There is no jurisdiction upon the face of the earth that I would take more pleasure in representing than this Grand Lodge. I shall attend to the duties of the position faithfully so long as you desire. I am glad to be with you to-day. (Applause.)

R. W. Bro. J. H. Burritt, Deputy Grand Master, I have great pleasure in introducing R. W. Bro. Chas. L. Stevens, Deputy Grand Master of the Grand Lodge of Michigan, who is to-day honoring us with his presence.

R. W. Bro. Charles L. Stevens said: Brethren of Grand Lodge, after those brethren who have spoken before, if your representative near the Grand Lodge of the State of New York felt embarrassed, what about me? Well, I am reminded of a story of the Scotchman, who is said to have frequently attended Bobby Burns Lodge. After one of the occasions when in a muddled condition he came to say his prayers, as it was his custom, it was terrible hard work, and his companion asked him what was the matter and he said: "I cannot mind a damn word of my prayers." I know you will pardon me when I say I feel somewhat like that.

I am glad to be here. I am glad to look into your faces and know that you are brethren. Well, there is nothing

in this world like our noble Order. You know that the Nazarene, the only perfect life, laid down as a maxim, Feed the hungry, clothe the naked, bind up the broken hearted. Through some inadvertance I was not provided with an apron. Masonically speaking I was naked and your custodian clothed me. You carried out that precept, and one of the noblest things on earth is to live for our fellow creatures. These sublime principles are taught in every Lodge in the world, that is, feed the hungry, clothe the naked and bind up the broken hearted. There are two standards draped in loving embrace. (Referring to the Union Jack and Stars and Stripes draped above the Grand Master's Throne.) They represent different countries and we are from different countries, but we are one in Masonry. I thank you, Most Worshipful Sir and brethren, for your kindness in listening to me.

Grand honors were accorded the distinguished brethren, after which the brethren of Grand Lodge sang "The Star Spangled Banner."

LETTERS AND TELEGRAMS OF REGRET.

Letters and telegrams expressing regret at their inability to attend were read from

Chief Justice Fitzgibbon, representative to the Grand Lodge of Ireland.

James Grierson, representative to the Grand Lodge of Scotland.

W. J. Bowser, Grand Master Grand Lodge British Columbia.

William Dalby, representative to Grand Lodge British Columbia.

The Bishop of Rupert's Land, representative to Grand Lodge Manitoba.

Edwin J. Everitt, Grand Master Grand Lodge New Brunswick.

Hon. William Ross, Grand Master Grand Lodge Nova Scotia.

Thomas Mowbray, representative to the Grand Lodge of Nova Scotia.

Hon. John Yeo, representative to the Grand Lodge of Prince Edward Island.

D. A. Manson, Grand Master Grand Lodge Quebec.

Isaac H. Stearns, representative to the Grand Lodge of Quebec.

John B. Tressider, Past Grand Master Grand Lodge of Quebec.

Hugh Chaplin, Grand Master Grand Lodge of Maine.

Benjamin L. Hadley, representative Grand Lodge of Maine.

Lou B. Winsor, Grand Secretary Grand Lodge Michigan.

J. W. French, representative Grand Lodge Michigan.

Frank H. Robinson, Grand Master Grand Lodge New York.

James I. Buchanan, of the Grand Lodge of Ohio.

Charles R. Woodward, Grand Representative Grand Lodge Ohio.

M. W. Bro. R. T. Walkem said: I have just returned from a trip to Australia. I was commissioned while there to bring congratulations from the Grand Masters of the Grand Lodges of South Australia and of New South Wales to the Grand Lodge of Canada, and I do so with a great deal of pleasure.

M. W. Bro. Hon. J. M. Gibson, in welcoming the representatives who were present, of the various Grand Lodges near the Grand Lodge of Canada, said: They were a fine body of men, and the Grand Lodge of Canada welcomed them as the representatives of their several Grand Lodges.

THE GRAND MASTER'S ADDRESS.

The M. W. the Grand Master then delivered the following address to the brethren assembled:

BRETHREN OF THE GRAND LODGE :

It gives me great pleasure to meet you assembled in such large numbers, as the representatives of Masonry in this Province, and to welcome you fraternally to the Fiftieth Annual Communication of the Grand Lodge of Canada. At the close of a year remarkable for material progress, characterized by the growth of Masonic zeal, and unmarred by discord or any untoward incident—a year of peace, happiness and prosperity, we have every reason for satisfaction with the condition and continued advancement of our beloved institution, always remembering the gratitude we owe to

the Great Architect of the Universe, whose blessing we cannot but feel has rested on our labors.

But, inspiring as our gathering must have been under these circumstances alone, it possesses for us much greater interest this year than is attached to the usual Annual Communication, for in connection with it this Grand Lodge celebrates the semi-centennial of its birth. Fifty years ago to-day was taken the preliminary step which resulted in the establishment of Canadian Masonry on an independent basis, and the formation of the Grand Lodge of Canada. On July 19th, 1855, at a meeting of representative Masons held at Niagara Falls, it was resolved that a convention of delegates should be held at the City of Hamilton in October following, "for the purpose of considering the expediency of establishing an Independent Grand Lodge of Canada, and to proceed with such matters as may be deemed most desirable for the benefit of Masonry in this Province." Of the causes which led to this momentous determination—looking, as it did, to separation from the parent Grand Lodge of England—I shall not now speak. They are matters of history well known to the Masonic student, and will doubtless be dealt with by the Historian of Grand Lodge in the address which he will presently give you. On such an auspicious occasion as this I need say little more than that whatever was painful in connection with them was soon forgotten on both sides, that the integrity and wisdom of the fathers of this Grand Lodge were speedily justified, and that the action taken by them then has resulted in greater blessing to the Craft in this country than even the most hopeful of them could possibly have anticipated.

At the convention held in this city of our meeting to-day, in the autumn of 1855, the forty-one Lodges there represented formally constituted themselves "The Grand Lodge of Ancient, Free and Accepted Masons of Canada," whose declared purpose it was "to form perfect fraternal union and harmony, establish order, ensure tranquility, provide for and promote the general welfare of the Craft, and secure to the fraternity of Canada all the blessings of Masonic privileges." The time has long since passed at which there might have been any question as to the carrying out of this noble purpose, but on such an occasion as this *we may be pardoned* if we stop

to reflect with pride upon the extent of that fulfilment. For the Mason of to-day, who knows no other conditions than those which our predecessors aimed to create, it may be difficult to realize and appreciate fully the intangible advantages which we enjoy as the fruit of the great change effected half a century ago. But he would be blind indeed who did not see on every hand the outward and visible signs of the progress of our Masonic institution—progress which during these years has never abated and the strides of which become ever greater as time goes on. In growth in numbers—though of itself alone not always a sure indication of real strength—the advance of our Order has been remarkable. The 1,500 Masons of the 41 Lodges of our first establishment have become about 35,000, comprising 390 lodges, notwithstanding the loss of over 40 lodges ceded to Quebec and Manitoba. We have yielded up a great territory, yet our membership has increased over twenty-fold. Again, in place of the poor, small, widely-scattered abiding places of the Lodges of fifty years ago, we have hundreds of spacious and handsome halls and rooms in all the cities, towns and larger villages of the Province. In these, with adequate, and in many cases luxurious appointments in the way of furniture, regalia, etc., our Lodges of to-day, well officered for the most part, with large memberships, full of enthusiasm, are carrying on the work in a manner of which we may justly be proud. We cannot rightly claim for ourselves, perhaps, greater zeal than our pioneer predecessors possessed, but we can at least congratulate ourselves upon the marvellous spread of their zeal, and take a proper pride in the present fruits of our continuance of their labors. In financial strength the progress of Grand Lodge has been equally marked. Beginning with not even sufficient funds with which to purchase regalia for its Grand Officers, and with an initial balance sheet showing receipts of only £93 and disbursements of but £64, Grand Lodge finds itself to-day, as the result of the sound policy of its rulers, possessed of a well invested capital of over \$110,000, while its Grand Treasurer presents a report for the past year showing receipts of \$39,362.85 and disbursements amounting to \$32,209.49. At the same time the record of Grand Lodge in the great matter of benevolence shows similar progress. The Grand Masters of the early years

handed out, in their discretion, the few dollars then available for charitable purposes. But, with increasing resources, the institution of the Benevolent Fund, and the creation of machinery for its distribution, this great department of Masonic work began to assume its proper place and proportions, and to-day, in the course of steady growth, we find that about \$14,000, or 50 per cent. of the moneys received by Grand Lodge from the Lodges in the ordinary course during the year has been paid out for the relief of the needy and deserving of the Craft.

It is unnecessary to go further. The facts are before us. It is eminently proper for us to review them with pride on this anniversary occasion. They should fill our hearts with thankfulness and with hope. Thankfulness to our fathers in Masonry who laid the foundations of Grand Lodge so well, and made possible the erection of so noble a superstructure, but above all to the Great Architect of the Universe, whose guiding hand must surely have rested upon us all these years. Hope for the future—a future whose possibilities of greatness and of good seem almost boundless. If in the past fifty years, begun amid doubts and difficulties, the Grand Lodge of Canada, under the blessing of God, has accomplished so much, what may it not hope for in the next half-century under the same Divine approval? Among the brethren present here to-day are doubtless some who will still be members of the Grand Lodge of Canada at its centennial celebration in 1955. What of progress in this Grand Lodge and in this Canada of ours they will live to see, who shall dare to say?

OUR GUESTS.

I feel peculiar pleasure in welcoming to this semi-centennial celebration, on behalf of Grand Lodge, the Grand Masters or other representatives of sister lodges who have honored us with their presence. The visitors from other Canadian jurisdictions will scarcely need assurance of their welcome, nor, indeed, should those from the Grand Lodges to the south of us. I particularly welcome the representatives of our neighbors, the Grand Lodges immediately across the border—Michigan, Vermont, New York and Ohio. To the Grand Lodges of Michigan and Vermont especially this Grand Lodge owes a lasting debt of gratitude. It was a Past Grand Master

of the former, M. W. Bro. Hon. H. T. Bachus, who on November 2nd, 1855, consecrated the Grand Lodge of Canada, installed its Grand Master and invested its other officers. The Grand Lodge of Vermont was the first of our sister Grand Lodges to nominate a representative to this Grand Lodge, and her Grand Master at that time, M. W. Bro. Philip C. Tucker, was one of the foremost of the champions of the Grand Lodge of Canada when recognition was being denied it and its legitimacy questioned. Our records inform us that he "propounded the masterpiece of historical deduction in defence of the constitutionality of the Grand Lodge of Canada." The eminent services of both of these distinguished brethren were early acknowledged by Grand Lodge by the gift of the honorary rank of Past Grand Master, and after the death of M. W. Bro. Tucker in 1861 Grand Lodge contributed to a fund for the erection of a monument to his memory. The Grand Lodges of New York and Ohio were more guarded in extending the right hand of fellowship to this Grand Lodge, but they did not long withhold their recognition, and their friendship as immediate neighbors has been highly esteemed. From the former we have with us, as usual of late years, M. W. Bro. W. A. Sutherland, P. G. M., N. Y., who as an honorary Past Grand Master of this Grand Lodge, is now one of ourselves, and whose presence at our annual communications and at other times is always welcome.

DEATHS.

It is with sorrow that I have to record the fact that our death roll for the past twelve months includes the names of three members of Grand Lodge eminent for their services to Masonry and to their country. Within the short space of two months in the present year we have lost M. W. Bro. Kivas Tully, D. S. O., P. G. M.; R. W. Bro. Hon. James Sutherland, P. G. S. W., and V. W. Bro. Edward F. Clarke, M. P., P. G. S. D.

M. W. Bro. Tully was truly one of the veterans of the Craft, for even before the formation of this Grand Lodge—fifty years ago—he was a Mason of twelve years standing, and had attained the rank of Grand Senior Warden of the Provincial Grand Lodge of Canada West. Born in Ireland in 1820, he was initiated in Ancient Union Lodge, Limerick, in 1843. Coming to Canada in the

following year, he immediately affiliated himself with St. Andrew's Lodge, Toronto, of which he became Senior Deacon in 1845—sixty years ago. His career in Masonry was a most active one; in fact, his interest in the institution never languished. He occupied the chairs, at different times, of Ionic, King Solomon's and Wilson Lodges, of Toronto. He took a prominent part in the affairs of this Grand Lodge in its early years. In 1857 he was elected D. D. G. M. of the Toronto District, comprising all that portion of the Province between the rivers Credit and Trent. He was at his death the sole survivor of the fourteen members of the joint committee appointed in the same year to promote a union between the Ancient Grand Lodge, formerly the Provincial Grand Lodge of Canada West, and the Grand Lodge of Canada. In that year also he was appointed representative of the Grand Lodge of Ireland to this Grand Lodge, which position he had ever since filled. From the same Grand Lodge he received the honorary rank of Past Grand Senior Warden, and in 1897 he was elected a Past Grand Master of the Grand Lodge of Canada. In his professional capacity as architect to the Provincial Government for many years, and later as its consulting engineer, he was widely known in connection with the erection of public works. He was ever a zealous and faithful Mason, and, as one of the few remaining links between the past and the present of this Grand Lodge, we particularly feel his loss on this anniversary occasion. He departed this life April 24th, 1905.

R. W. Bro. James Sutherland, P. G. S. W., who died May 3rd last, and V. W. Bro. E. F. Clarke, P. G. S. D., who passed away March 3rd, were men of high standing in both Masonry and the public life of this country. The former had represented North Oxford in the House of Commons for the past twenty-five years, and since 1899 had been a member of the Government of the Dominion of Canada, holding at the time of his death the portfolio of Public Works. V. W. Bro. Clarke had had the unique honor of being elected Mayor of Toronto for four successive terms, had represented one of the constituencies of that city in the Ontario Legislature from 1886 to 1894, and had thrice been elected to fill one of the Toronto seats in the House of Commons. Both were men of marked ability, sound judgment and strict integrity, and both en-

joyed extraordinary popularity among their fellows. They entered Masonry at the same age and in the same year—1871—R. W. Bro. Sutherland in Oxford Lodge, Woodstock, and V. W. Bro. Clarke in Rehoboam Lodge, Toronto. The former was elected Grand Senior Warden of this Grand Lodge in 1891, and V. W. Bro. Clark was appointed Grand Senior Deacon in 1899. The manifold cares and duties of political life left these distinguished brethren but little time in their later years to devote to the interests of the Craft, but all who knew them recognized that they were true Masons and worthy brethren. Their taking away, while still apparently destined for many more years of useful public service, is sincerely mourned by their fellow countrymen, and by none more so than their brethren in Masonry.

Grand Lodge is called upon to mourn also the loss of one of its Grand Officers, V. W. Bro. A. B. Cordingly, Grand Standard Bearer, whom I had the pleasure of appointing to that office one year ago, and who died June 18th, 1905, after a painful illness. He was an enthusiastic member of Georgina Lodge, No. 343, Toronto, the chair of which he filled in 1898.

Two active and prominent members of Grand Lodge of long standing have been taken from us in the persons of R. W. Bro. A. G. McWhinney, P. G. S. W., of London, who died July 10th, 1905, and R. W. Bro. Geo. C. Patterson, P. G. R., of Toronto, who passed away suddenly July 2nd, 1905. R. W. Bro. McWhinney had for many years been one of the pillars of Masonry in the west, and his services were recognized by Grand Lodge by his election to the office of Grand Senior Warden in 1900. R. W. Bro. Patterson had long been a prominent Craftsman in Toronto. He was a Past Master of Rehoboam Lodge, No. 65, and Wilson Lodge, No. 86, and also of Harmony Lodge, No. 438, of which he was the founder. He took a leading part in the settlement of the difficulty with the so-called Grand Lodge of Ontario, many of whose prominent members were "healed" in Harmony Lodge. For his services in this connection he was honored with the rank of Past Grand Registrar. Both of these brethren will be greatly missed by the Craft, not only in their respective localities, where they were highly esteemed, but also in Grand Lodge.

The names of other useful and prominent members of this Grand Lodge who have been taken from us during the year will be found in the report of the Committee on the Fraternal Dead, as also those of a number of distinguished brethren of sister Grand Lodges, whose deaths have been announced to us. Among the latter I may mention M. W. Bro. David Christmas Moore, P. G. M. of the Grand Lodge of Nova Scotia; M. W. Bro. J. D. McLverty, P. G. M. of the Grand Lodge of Kansas, and M. W. Bro. Zenophon Ryland, P. G. M. of the Grand Lodge of Missouri. The latter two brethren were the representatives of the Grand Lodge of Canada near their respective Grand Lodges. To sister jurisdictions upon whom the hand of death has thus fallen our sympathy is sincerely given.

CORNER STONES.

I summoned especial communications of Grand Lodge to assist me in laying corner stones, as follows:

On the 28th July, 1904, at Hanover, for the purpose of laying the corner stone of St. Andrew's Presbyterian Church.

On the 3rd August, 1904, at Dunnville, for the purpose of laying the corner stone of the new public school.

On the 18th August, 1904, at Kinlough, an Especial Communication was held for the purpose of laying the corner stone of the Church of the Ascension (Anglican), M. W. Bro. Murray officiating.

I declined to lay the corner stone of a church in the city of Windsor for the reason that other societies were expected to take part.

OTHER ESPECIAL COMMUNICATIONS.

By my direction other Especial Communications of Grand Lodge were held as follows:

On the 24th August, 1904, at Rainy River, for the purpose of constituting and consecrating Ionic Lodge, No. 461, R. W. Bro. McFadden, D. D. G. M., officiating.

On the 14th October, 1904, at Carp, for the purpose of constituting and consecrating Carleton Lodge, No. 465, R. W. Bro. S. A. Luke, D. D. G. M., officiating.

On the 17th October, 1904, at New Liskeard, for the purpose of constituting and consecrating Temiscaming Lodge, No. 462, R. W. Bro. A. J. Young, P. D. D. G. M., officiating.

On the 21st October, 1904, at Seeley's Bay, for the purpose of constituting and consecrating Rideau Lodge, No. 460, R. W. Bro. James A. Minnes, D. D. G. M., officiating.

On the 28th October, 1904, at Sunderland, for the purpose of constituting and consecrating King Edward Lodge, No. 464, R. W. Bro. P. H. Punshon, D. D. G. M., officiating.

On the 11th November, 1904, at Elmvale, for the purpose of constituting and consecrating Coronation Lodge, No. 466, R. W. Bro. E. A. Wakefield, D. D. G. M., officiating.

On the 25th November, 1904, at Haliburton, for the purpose of constituting and consecrating North Entrance Lodge, No. 463, R. W. Bro. E. Fitzgerald, D. D. G. M., officiating.

On the 30th December, 1904, at Gravenhurst, for the purpose of dedicating the new hall of Golden Rule Lodge, No. 409, the Grand Master officiating.

On the 3rd January, 1905, at Consecon, for the purpose of dedicating the new hall of Consecon Lodge, No. 50, R. W. Bro. J. E. Halliwell, D. D. G. M., officiating.

On the 17th February, 1905, at Windsor, for the purpose of dedicating the new hall of Great Western Lodge, No. 47, and Windsor Lodge, No. 403, the Grand Master officiating.

On the 17th May, 1905, at Beaverton, for the purpose of dedicating the new hall of Murray Lodge, No. 408, R. W. Bro. P. H. Punshon, D. D. G. M., officiating.

On the 14th June, 1905, at Tilsonburg, for the purpose of dedicating the new hall of King Hiram Lodge, No. 78, R. W. Bro. S. Y. Taylor, D. D. G. M., officiating.

OFFICIAL VISITS.

Many invitations to visit Lodges I was unable to accept, my time being fully taken up, and I regret the disappointment which may have been caused the brethren whose hospitality I was thus obliged to decline. I need not take up the time of Grand Lodge with a complete list of the visits I made, but of some of them I desire to give a brief account, particularly those made to sister jurisdictions.

On August 15th, 1904, at the request of M. W. Bro. Harry H. Watson, P. G. M. of British Columbia, I visited

Cascade Lodge, No. 12, Vancouver, and was received by that distinguished and enthusiastic Mason in such a courteous and fraternal manner as to leave no doubt of the friendly relations existing between these two Grand Lodges.

On August 22nd a joint meeting of Victoria Columbia Lodge, No. 1, Vancouver Quadra Lodge, No. 2, of Victoria, and United Service Lodge, No. 24, of Esquimaux, was called in my honor in the City of Victoria under the auspices of Victoria Columbia Lodge. I was introduced by my good friend R. W. Bro. R. E. Brett, Grand Secretary of the Grand Lodge of British Columbia, and received by W. Bro. W. K. Houston, the Worshipful Master of the Lodge. Among those present were M. W. Bros. A. McKeown, R. B. McMicking, and Rev. Ensor Sharp, Past Grand Masters of the Grand Lodge of British Columbia, and R. W. Bro. P. J. Riddle, D. D. G. M., and many other prominent brethren, among them, Bro. Rev. G. K. Adams, late of this city. A letter was read during the evening from M. W. Bro. W. J. Bowser, Grand Master, conveying his greetings to the Grand Lodge of Canada, and expressing his regret that his professional duties detained him in Vancouver.

On two occasions I visited the City of Rochester, N. Y., as Grand Master of this Grand Lodge, one of them being on the 24th April last, when I had the pleasure of meeting M. W. Bro. Frank H. Robinson, Grand Master of Masons of the State of New York, and witnessing the ceremony of the conferring of the third degree on the son of that distinguished brother, and also on the sons of our own M. W. Bro. Wm. A. Sutherland, P. G. M. of New York, and Hon. P. G. M. of this Grand Lodge, R. W. Bro. Hungerford Smith, P. G. S. D., and representative of this Grand Lodge, and Frank E. Woodworth, P. M. of the Frank R. Lawrence Lodge. M. W. Bro. Stevenson travelled from Montreal to be present on this occasion, and W. Bro. Jas. Haywood, of Toronto(accompanied me.

In the province of Quebec it was my privilege to visit St. George Lodge, No. 10, and Royal Victoria Lodge, No. 57, of Montreal, on the 7th March last, and to receive at the hands of the Worshipful Master of these Lodges a truly Masonic welcome. My enjoyment of the occasion was still further enhanced by the presence of M.

W. Bro. Stevenson. No greater testimony to the brother's worth could be given than the esteem in which he is held in his own city, and yet the love of his brethren there could not exceed that which the members of this Grand Lodge feel towards him.

I have been shown great kindness by M. W. Bro. Everett, Grand Master of the Grand Lodge of New Brunswick, and brethren of his jurisdiction, as well as by those of Nova Scotia.

In my own jurisdiction my first visit, other than those made for the purpose of laying corner stones, was paid to my mother lodge, Ashlar, No. 247, Toronto, on 27th September, 1904. The attendance was the largest ever seen in their hall. Among the visitors present were M. W. Bros. H. Murray, E. T. Malone, D. J. Goggin, R. W. Bros. W. Geo. Eakins, Aubrey White, W. D. McPherson, E. B. Brown and many of the officers of Grand Lodge. V. W. Bro. N. R. Miller, Grand Superintendent of Works, was presented with the regalia of his office.

On October 10th I visited Stevenson Lodge, No. 218, Toronto, to assist in doing honor to M. W. Bro. Col. Stevenson, after whom the Lodge is named, when he was presented with a loving cup. On this occasion the guest of the evening worked the first degree in a most impressive manner.

On October 13th King Solomon's Lodge, No. 22, made my visit the occasion to present to V. W. Bro. Raymond Walker, Grand Organist, the regalia of his office, and on November 3rd, Rehoboam Lodge, No. 65, made a like presentation to V. W. Bro. Andrew Park, Grand Senior Deacon, on which occasion I was present.

On November 1st I visited Ionic Lodge, No. 25, and received a welcome equal to that of my mother Lodge.

On November 21st I visited Doric Lodge, No. 121, Hamilton, when the District Deputy Grand Master, R. W. Bro. Fred. Walter, was presented with the regalia of his office.

On December 22nd I visited Stratford Lodge, No. 332, the occasion being a farewell to Bro. the Right Rev. David Williams, Bishop of Huron, who was removing to London.

On February 6th St. John's Lodge, No. 75, Toronto, made my visit the occasion to present me with a beautifully illuminated and framed certificate of honorary membership in their Lodge.

On February 24th Zetland Lodge, No. 326, Toronto, had the work of the first degree conferred on the son of W. Bro. Jas. Haywood, Worshipful Master of the Lodge, by the following brethren: M. W. Bros. Stevenson, Murray, White, Malone, Harding and Goggin, and R. W. Bro. Burritt, D. G. M. I had the honor of taking part in the work.

On March 2nd I visited Kingston, when the Ancient St. John's Lodge, No. 3, Cataraqui Lodge, No. 92, and Minden Lodge, No. 253, tendered me a reception. They exemplified the work of the opening and closing in the three degrees, and worked the third degree in a manner which must have been most pleasing to the D. D. G. M., R. W. Bro. Jas. Minnes, who has been untiring in his efforts for the good of the Craft. M. W. Bro. R. T. Walkem was present on this occasion.

On March 28th, Doric Lodge, No. 58, Ottawa, celebrated its fiftieth anniversary, the occasion being marked by the presence of many distinguished brethren from all parts of Canada, amongst them being M. W. Bros. Hons. Wm. Gibson and J. K. Kerr, P. G. M.'s, and R. W. Bro. S. A. Luke, D. D. G. M. of the Ottawa District.

On April 5th the eight Lodges in the City of London tendered me a reception, which was followed by a concert and dance, very much enjoyed and appreciated, particularly by the ladies.

On May 26th Zeta Lodge, No. 410, Toronto, celebrated its twentieth anniversary. A most pleasant and profitable evening was spent.

I desire to express my deep appreciation of the kindness shown me on each of these and many other occasions during the past year, and especially to the brethren of Ashlar, No. 247; Ionic, No. 25; Stevenson, No. 218; St. John's, No. 75, all of Toronto; Doric, No. 58, Ottawa, the Lodges of the City of London, as well as to the companions of St. Paul's R. A. Chapter, and the brethren of the Ancient and Accepted Scottish Rite, Toronto, for the tokens of their love and esteem so lavishly showered upon me.

APPOINTED OFFICERS.

Besides the regular officers of Grand Lodge whose names appear in the proceedings I appointed R. W. Bro. R. L. Gunn as Auditor of the books of Grand Lodge.

COMMITTEES.

I appointed the following brethren as a Semi-Centennial Benevolence Committee to carry out the wishes of Grand Lodge expressed by resolution at the last Annual Communication: M. W. Bro. John E. Harding, Lindsay (Convener); M. W. Bro. Hugh Murray, Hamilton; R. W. Bros. Aubrey White and W. D. McPherson, Toronto; R. W. Bro. J. H. Burritt, Pembroke, and R. W. Bro. J. B. Rankin, Chatham. They have performed most energetically every duty required of them, and it remains with the members of the Craft to make the Semi-Centennial Benevolent Fund a success or otherwise.

No provision having been made by Grand Lodge for the fitting celebration of its fiftieth anniversary, after consultation with the Past Grand Masters, I appointed the following brethren as a committee to act in conjunction with the brethren of Hamilton in making all arrangements for this meeting, and I have no doubt the result of their labors will meet with your approval: M. W. Bros. Hon. Wm. Gibson, Hugh Murray and E. T. Malone, and R. W. Bros. J. H. Burritt, D. G. M., Aubrey White and W. Geo. Eakins, of Toronto; A. T. Freed and R. L. Gunn, Hamilton.

REPRESENTATIVES TO GRAND LODGE.

On my recommendation the Most Worshipful the Grand Lodge of Hungary has appointed R. W. Bro. W. Geo. Eakins, of Toronto, as its representative near this Grand Lodge, in the place of R. W. Bro. H. J. Wilkinson, who has removed from the jurisdiction.

The Most Worshipful the Grand Lodge of Tasmania, has appointed R. W. Bro. Alfred F. Webster, of Toronto, as its representative near this Grand Lodge, and in the Most Worshipful the Grand Master's address delivered on 24th February last is given a very interesting account of the formation of the Grand Lodge of Canada.

The Most Worshipful the Grand Lodge of Ireland at its annual Communication held on 1st June last, did me the honor of appointing me as their representative near this Grand Lodge with the rank of Past Grand Warden, in the place of M. W. Bro. Kivas Tully, deceased, an honor I esteem very highly. On receiving notification of my appointment as representative of the Grand Lodge

of Ireland—the land of my birth—I resigned the office of representative of the Grand Lodge of Vermont and recommended a distinguished member of Grand Lodge whose credentials have not yet arrived.

The Most Worshipful the Grand Lodges of Victoria and Oklahoma are unrepresented owing to the deaths of R. W. Bros. Hon. Jas. Sutherland and A. G. McWhinney.

REPRESENTATIVES OF GRAND LODGE.

I had pleasure in appointing W. Bro. John C. Ketcheson, Leavenworth, as our representative near the Grand Lodge of Kansas in place of M. W. Bro. J. D. McClevarty, deceased.

I appointed M. W. Bro. Leroy B. Valliant as our representative near the Grand Lodge of Missouri, in place of M. W. Bro. Zenophon Ryland, deceased.

REPRESENTATION DISCONTINUED.

The Grand Lodge of California at its annual session held on the 11th October, 1904, adopted the following resolution:

"It will be patent to any one who will give the matter of the appointment of representatives to and from other Grand Lodges proper consideration, that this custom is as useless as the appendix vermiciformis in the human body. It seems to us that the custom must have originated in a desire to decorate members with a mere title. The only proper way for one Grand Lodge to communicate with another is through the Grand Masters. Your committee can see no necessity for the continuance of the custom, and therefore recommend that it be abolished. Many of the Grand Lodges are dispensing therewith, and we think the Grand Lodge of California should do likewise."

A copy of this resolution was sent to me through the Grand Secretary. I instructed the Grand Secretary to write to the Grand Master of the Grand Lodge of California expressing my regret at the action of that Grand Lodge, and my hope that the fraternal relations that had heretofore existed might continue in the future.

I instructed the Grand Secretary to notify the representative of the Grand Lodge of California of the action taken by that body and to inform him that the representation of that Grand Lodge would from that date be discontinued.

RECOGNITION.

The question of the recognition of the Grand Lodge of Queensland was left over from last year to be dealt with at this Communication.

WARRANTS.

During the year I signed Warrants for the following Lodges:

Rideau, No. 460, Seeley's Bay, Frontenac District, No. 14.

Ionic, No. 461, Rainy River, Algoma District No. 17.

Temiscaming, No. 462, New Liskeard, Nipissing District, No. 18.

North Entrance, No. 463, Haliburton, Ontario District, No. 12.

King Edward, No. 464, Sunderland, Toronto East District No. 11a.

Carleton, No. 465, Carp, Ottawa District No. 16.

Coronation, No. 466, Elmdale, Georgian District No. 9.

DISPENSATIONS CONTINUED.

Peel Lodge, Caledon East, Toronto West District, No. 11.

Tottenham Lodge, Tottenham, Georgian District No. 9.

Victoria Lodge, Victoria Harbor, Georgian District, No. 9.

Algoma Lodge, Sault Ste. Marie, Nipissing District, No. 18.

In the case of Algoma Lodge I granted a new dispensation to take the place of the one granted by my predecessor, as the Master and one of the Wardens found it impossible to continue to act as officers of the Lodge.

DISPENSATIONS FOR NEW LODGES.

Gore Bay Lodge, Gore Bay, Manitoulin Island, granted by Grand Lodge last year on the recommendation of the Committee on Warrants. This dispensation was held by R. W. Bro. McFadden, D. D. G. M., by my instructions, until such time as the brethren had a hall in which to meet. The Lodge was instituted by R. W. Bro. McFadden on the 24th May, 1905.

On October 22nd, 1904, I granted a dispensation to certain brethren to meet as a Lodge under the name of King Edward VII. Lodge at Chippewa in the Niagara District, No. 10.

On April 14th, 1905, I granted a dispensation to certain brethren to meet as a Lodge to be called The Beaches Lodge at Balmy Beach, Toronto East District, No. 11a.

On May 1st, 1905, I granted a dispensation to certain brethren to meet as a Lodge to be called Victoria Lodge, at Toronto Junction, Toronto West District, No. 11.

On June 1st, 1905, I granted dispensation to certain brethren to meet as a Lodge to be called Dundurn Lodge, in the City of Hamilton, Hamilton District, No. 8.

On June 28th, 1905, I granted a dispensation to certain brethren to meet as a Lodge to be called Corinthian Lodge, at North Gower, in the Ottawa District, No. 16.

I think these Lodges will be found to be working in a satisfactory manner. I had a request for a dispensation for a new lodge at Dungannon, in South Huron District, No. 4, and also for a dispensation for a new Lodge at Blind River, in Nipissing District, No. 18, but not being in possession of the necessary information I declined to grant them and referred them to the Committee on Warrants, and no doubt they will come before Grand Lodge at this meeting.

I declined to grant a dispensation to certain brethren to meet as a Lodge at Lynden in the Hamilton District, No. 8, for the reason that a Lodge affected thereby withheld its consent, and the D. D. G. M. could not recommend that the dispensation be granted.

DISPENSATIONS FOR OTHER PURPOSES.

I granted a dispensation to Kerr Lodge, No. 230, Barrie, to initiate a candidate in the jurisdiction of Pythagoras Lodge, No. 137, Meaford. My reason for so doing was that Pythagoras Lodge consented; the candidate was to pay the \$10 fee for the dispensation, and the initiation fee was to be handed over to Pythagoras Lodge by Kerr Lodge, and the brother was to affiliate with Pythagoras Lodge.

I declined to grant a dispensation to Merritt Lodge, No. 168, Welland, to initiate a candidate in the jurisdiction of Myrtle Lodge, No. 337, Port Robinson; to Prince Arthur Lodge, No. 333, Flesherton, to initiate a candidate in the jurisdiction of Manito Lodge, No. 90, Collingwood; to Shuniah Lodge, No. 287, Port Arthur, to initiate a candidate in the jurisdiction of Fort William Lodge, No. 415, and Royal Lodge, No. 453, Fort Wil-

liam; to Robertson Lodge, No. 292, King, to initiate a candidate in the jurisdiction of Richmond Lodge, No. 23, Richmond Hill; to Nipissing Lodge, No. 420, to initiate a candidate under 21 years of age.

I declined to grant a dispensation to initiate a candidate in Aurora who had resided for some years immediately preceding his application in the City of Toronto and who was about to remove to Winnipeg; also to another Lodge to initiate a candidate who had for three years previously resided in the United States, and was only home three weeks, and intended to remove to Toronto.

I declined to grant a dispensation to confer the Fellow Craft and Master Mason's degrees upon a brother within the prescribed time because he was about to reside in a place 150 miles away from a Lodge.

I declined to grant a dispensation to a Lodge to hold its regular meeting at 3 o'clock in the afternoon. I granted a dispensation for a special meeting on condition that no application be received and no candidates balloted for.

On two occasions I declined to grant dispensations to receive a petition from or initiate a candidate with an artificial leg. I had not the power to grant such a dispensation, and, even if I had, the candidate could not have complied with the requirements of the work.

AT HOMES, BALLS, PICNICS, ETC.

I granted about 150 dispensations other than those already mentioned, a list of which will be found in the report of the Grand Secretary.

There seems to be a misapprehension as to what meetings can be held without a dispensation, and in many cases notices have been sent out for at homes, balls, picnics, excursions, euchre parties, etc., without asking for a dispensation. This, I contend, is unconstitutional. No meeting of the members of the Craft, as such, can be held, "whether Masonic clothing is worn or not," other than the regular and emergent meetings prescribed in the Book of Constitution, without the dispensation of the Grand Master.

BY-LAWS.

I examined, revised and confirmed the By-laws of the following Lodges:

Guelph, No. 258; Alpha, No. 384; Oakville, No. 400; Salem, No. 368; Pembroke, No. 128; Durham, No. 306; Cataraqui, No. 92; Wellington, No. 271; Ashlar, No. 247.

I examined, revised and confirmed amendments to the By-laws of thirty-six other Lodges, a list of which is given in the report of the Grand Secretary.

HEALING.

I instructed my deputy in each of three districts to heal a member of the late so-called Grand Lodge of Ontario.

WORKING DEGREES IN A SISTER JURISDICTION.

I have been asked to grant permission to a Lodge to work one of the degrees upon their own candidate in a Lodge under the jurisdiction of the Grand Lodge of New York. I replied that I had no objection to this provided that the Lodges had the consent of the Most Worshipful the Grand Master of the Grand Lodge of New York, and also procured a certified copy of that portion of the minutes of the meeting relating to their work to be placed upon the minute book of the Lodge conferring the degree. I am decidedly in favor of the interchange of visits, and particularly with a sister jurisdiction; but I do not approve of conferring degrees even on our own brethren under these circumstances. An exemplification of the work would answer all purposes, and no copy of the minutes would be necessary.

RULINGS.

I have been asked for and have given the following rulings:

Has a Master of a Lodge U. D., who resigns his office previous to the granting of the Warrant, the right afterwards to a seat in the East and to confer degrees? No.

Has the Master of a warranted Lodge who resigns his office before his term has expired the right afterwards to sit in the East and to confer degrees? No. In both these cases the Worshipful Master must have served twelve months as Master of a warranted Lodge in order to rank as a Past Master.

Must a brother who objects to the admission of a visitor to his Lodge state his objection on the floor of the Lodge? No.

Can a brother file a permanent objection to the admission of a visitor, even if the brother be not present? He cannot.

If a brother finds from the register that an objectionable visitor is in the Lodge, what is the duty of the Worshipful Master? He should ask the visitor to retire so that their differences may be settled. If this cannot be done the member of the Lodge must have the preference. No one has the absolute right to visit a Lodge. It is only by the courtesy of the Worshipful Master or Lodge that a visitor can be admitted.

A Lodge whose Master and Wardens were absent was opened by the only Past Master present, and he, feeling annoyed at criticism of his ruling during the evening, left the chair and Lodge without closing the Lodge. Was the work done regular, and what minute should be made? The Acting Worshipful Master was entirely in error in leaving the Chair and the Lodge without closing the same. The proceedings should be noted in the minute book, and all business regularly done prior to the time the Acting W. M. retired is constitutional. The Secretary should state that the Acting W. M. having retired, and no Past Master or Warden being present, the Lodge was not closed.

Has a member of a Lodge the right to demand a second ballot on an application for initiation or affiliation? He has not the right. He may request the W. M. to do so, but the right lies with the Worshipful Master.

Has a brother a right to speak in favor of the candidate before the ballot is passed a second time? He has not, and even if he had it would not be proper to do so. If only nine members were present, and seven spoke in favor of the candidate, the other two would have to do likewise or be credited with blackballing, and the secrecy of the ballot would thus be destroyed.

May brethren appear in a procession clothed with the regalia of the Royal Arch or Knights Templar orders? If they have authority from these Grand Bodies they may do so, but the Blue Lodge must take charge, and occupy the end of the procession, passing through it first.

GRAND SECRETARY'S OFFICE.

In accordance with the resolution passed at the Annual Communication in July last, new offices for the Grand

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Master and Grand Secretary have been secured in the building of the Masonic Hall Association in this city, and have been furnished tastefully, the cost of the same having been kept within the amount voted for that purpose.

UNDRESS REGALIA.

A vote was passed by Grand Lodge last year appropriating the sum of \$200 for the purpose of procuring a complete set of undress Grand Lodge regalia for the officers. By some misunderstanding the wrong amount was given. The regalia will cost some £62, or nearly \$400, and in accordance with the suggestion of M. W. Bro. John Ross Robertson the matter has been left over until this meeting of Grand Lodge.

FINANCE.

The finances of Grand Lodge are in excellent condition, as will be seen by the report of the Committee on Audit and Finance. The securities have been transferred to vaults in the offices of the Toronto General Trusts Corporation, where they can be seen only when the keys held by the Grand Secretary and the Grand Treasurer are both produced.

BENEVOLENCE.

During the year the sum of \$14,000 has been distributed in benevolence to some 316 recipients, and at the present time cheques are made out and will be sent within the next few days to the amount of \$5,910, in accordance with the resolution passed at the last Annual Communication of Grand Lodge, making in all about \$20,000 paid out of the funds of Grand Lodge, besides what has been done by the subordinate Lodges.

SEMI-CENTENNIAL BENEVOLENT FUND.

The Committee appointed by me to devise means of raising the amount asked for, viz., \$100,000, have done excellent work, and many of the District Deputy Grand Masters have been most energetic in the matter, while some have done little or nothing at all. Last year this fund amounted to \$5,019.22; this year the sum of \$16,000.00 has been added, making in all the sum of \$21,000.00, or over 20 per cent. of the total amount asked for.

REVISION OF THE CONSTITUTION.

The work of revision of the Constitution has been carried on under the direction of R. W. Bro. W. George Eakins, Chairman of the Committee, and will be presented at this Communication for adoption by Grand Lodge. Much time and labor have been spent upon it by the Committee, and the preparation of the index alone by R. W. Bro. Eakins has been a task requiring much time and great care, the results of which will no doubt be appreciated by Grand Lodge.

CONDITION OF THE CRAFT.

It is most gratifying to me to be able to report that during the twelve months I have not been compelled to appoint a commission or to investigate a charge against any of the 35,000 members of the Craft. Only three cases have this year been referred to the Committee on Grievances and Appeals.

The Grand Lodge of British Columbia, through the Grand Secretary, complained of an invasion of jurisdiction by one of the Lodges in this jurisdiction, but I have asked through the Grand Secretary how long the candidate had resided in the jurisdiction of British Columbia, if at all, as I understand he has been living in Ontario and was only telegraphed for to go British Columbia for a short time. I trust the amended form of application proposed by the Committee on the Constitution will remove any chance of misunderstanding in this matter in the future.

My relations with the Grand Lodge officers whose executive duties have brought me into frequent communication and contact with them have been most pleasant and satisfactory. I have to thank the Deputy Grand Master, R. W. Bro. J. H. Burritt, and the Grand Treasurer, M. W. Bro. E. T. Malone, for their assistance cordially rendered whenever called for, and the District Deputy Grand Masters for their efficient performance of the duties of their respective positions. Of the manner in which the Grand Secretary, M. W. Bro. Hugh Murray, has discharged the arduous duties of his most important office, I cannot speak too highly. In particular, his promptness and attention to the many matters necessary to be brought to my personal notice have been of the

greatest service to myself, as well as to Grand Lodge, and I gladly avail myself of this means of acknowledging my indebtedness to him. It is no reflection upon his lamented predecessor to say that the business of the office has never been more faithfully and zealously attended to than it has during M. W. Bro. Murray's tenure. In this connection I may add that it must be apparent to all who keep a watchful eye upon Grand Lodge affairs that the volume of business transacted in the Grand Secretary's office has increased enormously in recent years. About 20,000 initiates have been taken into the lodges during the past ten years alone, and one-third of the present membership of Grand Lodge has been gained in that time. This alone has entailed a vast increase in the clerical work of the office—to say nothing of other routine business—to cope with which the Grand Secretary has no larger staff than he had years ago, with the result that the capabilities of the office are very greatly overtaxed. I recommend for the consideration of Grand Lodge the question of the necessity and advisability of taking steps to remedy this condition of affairs.

R. W. Bro. R. L. Gunn, who has filled the position of auditor of the accounts of Grand Lodge during the past year has discharged the duties of that position in a most thorough and painstaking manner, making a monthly audit and report.

CONCLUSION.

Brethren, before the close of this meeting my term of office will have expired, and I shall surrender to my successor in the Chair of this Grand Lodge the emblem of authority with which you entrusted me a year ago. I shall do so with mingled feelings of regret and satisfaction. I cannot but regret the severance of the official tie which for twelve months has bound me so closely to you as your Chief Ruler. I have great reason to regret the closing of a year which, amid the many cares and anxieties of so responsible a position, has brought me so many tokens of the continued confidence and esteem of my brethren. On the other hand, I could not fail to be satisfied with the marvellous progress which, through no merit of my own, has characterized this year in the history of Grand Lodge. It is a great honor, indeed, to be Grand Master of the *Grand Lodge of Canada*. It is a

still greater honor to have occupied the Chair during a year of peace and prosperity such as that just ended. I repeat my thanks, expressed a year ago, for the distinction then conferred upon me by you. I thank the officers of Grand Lodge for their loyal support, and my brethren of the Lodges for their unfailing courtesy and generous consideration. My sole aim and my constant endeavor, during my year of office, have been to promote the welfare of the Craft in this jurisdiction; and, in laying down the gavel, I can voice no better wish for Grand Lodge than that, under the Divine blessing, its record may be as clear and its progress as marked as they have been during the first half-century of its history.

Fraternally submitted.

BENJAMIN ALLEN,

Grand Master.

Dated at Toronto, this 17th day of July, A. L. 5904.

It was moved by R. W. Bro. J. H. Burritt, seconded by M. W. Bro. J. E. Harding, and

Resolved, That the address of the M. W. the Grand Master be referred to the Board of General Purposes to report thereon.

GRAND SECRETARY'S REPORT.

To the M. W. the Grand Master, Officers and Members of the Grand Lodge, A. F. & A. M. of Canada, in the Province of Ontario :

M. W. SIR AND BRETHREN,

I beg leave to present to Grand Lodge my annual report, containing an account of all monies received by me and paid to the Grand Treasurer during the year ending 31st May, 1905. Also a summary of the expenditure for the year, with ledger balances to the 31st May, 1905, and returns of subordinate lodges as at the 24th June, 1905, with, by instruction of the M. W. the Grand Master, a record of dispensations issued, By-laws and amendments thereto approved, and other official acts of the M. W. Grand Master.

STATEMENT OF RECEIPTS.

Certificates	\$ 5,502 50
Dues	16,677 90
Fees	3,495 87
Dispensations	259 00
Warrants	90 00
Constitutions, etc.	701 15
Commutation of dues	1,035 00
Miscellaneous	626 25

Interest on Debentures and on Bank Account as follows :

Brockville debentures, \$3,000 at 4 per cent.	\$120 00	
Woodstock debentures, \$7,000 at 6 per cent.	420 00	
Central Canada Loan & Savings Co., 15,000 at 4 per cent.	600 00	
Canada Permanent & Western Canada Loan Co., \$10,000 at 4 per cent.	400 00	
Canada Per. Loan & Savings Co., \$10,000 at 4 per cent.	400 00	
Landed Banking & Loan Co., \$15,000 at 4 per cent.	600 00	
Canada Savings & Loan Co., \$5,000 at 4 per cent.	200 00	
Ontario Loan & Debenture Co., \$5,000 at 4 per cent.	200 00	
Hamilton Provident & Loan Co., \$15,000 at 4 per cent.	600 00	
Brantford Debentures, \$8,000 at 4 per cent.	320 00	
St. Thomas Debentures, \$1,538.12 at 4%	61 52	
St. Thomas " 1,599.64 "	63 99	
St. Thomas " 1,663.63 "	66 55	
St. Thomas " 1,700.17 "	69 21	
St. Thomas " 1,799.38 "	71 98	
St. Thomas " 1,871.35 "	74 85	
St. Thomas " 1,946.21 "	77 85	
Toronto Debentures, \$2,433.33 at 4 per cent. (6 months)	42 58	
Toronto Debentures, \$2,433.33 at 4 per cent. (6 months)	42 58	
Interest on Deposits in Bank	192 40	
		4,623 51
		<u>\$33,011 18</u>

PAYMENTS TO GRAND TREASURER.

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SUMMARY OF EXPENDITURE.

For the year ending 31st May, 1905.

Salary of Grand Secretary, one year to 31st March, 1905	\$ 2,000 00
Salary of Grand Treasurer	200 00
Salary of Assistant in Grand Secretary's office to 31st May, 1905	800 00
Salary of stenographer to 31st May, 1905	611 00
R. L. Gunn, Grand Lodge auditor	300 00
Hamilton Masonic Hall Association, rent	87 50
Chairman, Benevolent Committee, postage, etc.	15 00
Expenses, Board of General Purposes at Brockville	1,391 15
J. B. Nixon, investigating benevolent grants	565 50
Expenses, Grand Lodge at Brockville	162 04
M. W. Bro. Hy. Robertson, report on Foreign Correspondence	100 00
Incidental expenses, Grand Secretary's office	753 90
Grand Master's travelling expenses	500 00
Copp, Clark, certificates, etc.	1,131 30
A. C. Turnbull, stationery	45 23
Reid Printing Co., printing	500 00
R. Duncan, stationery and binding	187 25
Times Printing Co., advertising	4 00
Spectator Printing Co., contract on printing, etc.	2,243 68
G. L. Lanigan, book binding	20 00
The Record Printing Co., Grand Lodge reports	130 00
Brockville Times, Grand Lodge reports	16 50
Expenses, Committee on Revision of Constitution	238 27
Expenses, Committee on Semi-Centennial Fund	151 60
Expenses, Committee on G. Sec'y's office	13 45
Toronto General Trusts Co., rent of safety vault	25 00
Premium on G. Secretary's bond	12 50
Repairs, Grand Master's regalia	7 50
Duplicating machine for Grand Secretary's office	18 00
Bell Telephone Co.	25 17
M. W. Bro. Harding, testimonial to	300 00
Masonic Relief Association, membership in	163 54
Insurance on furniture and regalia	57 80
Expenses funeral M. W. Bro. Kivas Tully	38 95
Expenses furnishing Grand Secretary's office	1,545 40
Electric Supply Co., fixtures	35 13
Grants for benevolence	13,940 00
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	\$28,342 83

LODGE BY-LAWS.

The M. W. the Grand Master has examined, revised and confirmed the By-laws of the following lodges, viz:

1904.	July 14.	Guelph Lodge	No. 258, Guelph.
"	Nov 28.	Alpha Lodge	384, Toronto.
1905.	April 1.	Oakville Lodge	400, Oakville.
"	May 26.	Salem Lodge	368, Brockville.
"	May 26.	Pembroke Lodge	128, Pembroke.
"	May 27.	Durham Lodge	306, Durham.
"	May 29.	Cataraqui Lodge	192, Kingston.
"	May 29.	Wellington Lodge	271, Erin.
"	June 6	Ashlar Lodge	247, Toronto.

The W. M. the Grand Master has examined, revised and confirmed amendments to the By-laws of the following lodges, viz :

1904.	Sept. 1.	Pembroke Lodge	No. 128, Pembroke.
"	Sept. 3.	Rodney Lodge	411, Rodney.
"	Oct. 12.	Zeta Lodge	410, Toronto.
"	Oct. 27.	Shuniah Lodge	287, Port Arthur.
"	Oct. 28.	Simcoe Lodge	79, Bradford.
"	Nov. 23.	Madawaska Lodge	196, Arnprior.
"	Nov. 26.	Niagara Lodge	2, Niagara.
"	Dec. 17.	Bonnechere Lodge	433, Eganville.
1905.	Jan. 3.	Clementi Lodge	313, Lakefield.
"	Jan. 6.	St. John's Lodge	35, Cayuga.
"	Jan. 13.	Victoria Lodge	56, Sarnia.
"	Jan. 24.	St. John's Lodge	21a, Vankleek Hill.
"	Jan. 24.	Ontario Lodge	26, Port Hope.
"	Feb'y 3	St. John's Lodge	75, Toronto.
"	Feb'y 4.	Friendly Brothers Lodge	143, Iroquois.
"	Feb'y 8.	United Lodge	29, Brighton.
"	Feb'y 22.	King Hiram Lodge	78, Tilsonburg.
"	Feb'y 22.	Goodwood Lodge	159, Richmond.
"	Feb'y 24.	St. Andrew's Lodge	16, Toronto.
"	March 4.	Renfrew Lodge	122, Renfrew.
"	March 4.	Bonnechere Lodge	433, Eganville.
"	April 1.	Pythagorus Lodge	137, Meaford.
"	April 3.	Lorne Lodge	404, Tamworth.
"	April 15.	Simcoe Lodge	79, Bradford.
"	April 28.	Ionic Lodge	25, Toronto.
"	May 12.	Acacia Lodge	430, East Toronto.
"	May 12.	Burns Lodge	436, Hepworth.
"	May 17.	Maitland Lodge	33, Goderich.
"	May 26.	Norfolk Lodge	10, Simcoe.
"	May 27.	Fort William Lodge	415, Fort William.
"	May 29.	Waverly Lodge	361, Guelph.
"	June 6.	King Solomon's Lodge	22, Toronto.
"	June 17.	St. Lawrence Lodge	131, Southampton.

GRAND LODGE OF CANADA.

LIST OF DISPENSATIONS ISSUED.

DATE	No.	NAME OF LODGE.	WHERE HELD.	FOR WHAT GRANTED.
July 9, 1904	159	Goodwood	Richmond	Divine Service.
" 12, "	2	Niagara	Niagara	Elect and Install.
" 13, "	161	Percy	Warkworth	Divine Service.
" 20, "	88	St. George's	Owen Sound	To Hold an Excursion
" 26, "	431	Moravian	Eden Grove	" Install.
" 29, "	233	Doric	Parkhill	Divine Service.
Aug 5, "	372	Palmer	Bridgeburg	Divine Service.
" 19, "	196	Madawaska	Arnprior	Divine Service.
" 22, "	331	Fordwich	Fordwich	To Install.
" 23, "	77	St. John's	Toronto	" Change Meeting Night.
" 27, "	255	Sydenham	Dresden	" Install.
" 27, "	464	King Edward	Sunderland	Divine Service.
" 29, "	74	St. James	Maitland	Divine Service.
Sept. 6, "	81	Jt. John's	Mount Brydges	Divine Service.
" 6, "	56	Victoria	Sarnia	Divine Service.
" 6, "	260	Washington	Petrolia	Divine Service.
" 6, "	332	Chesterville	Chesterville	Divine Service.
" 6, "	364	Dufferin	Melbourne	Divine Service.
" 6, "	437	Tuscan	Sarnia	Divine Service.
" 6, "	154	Irving	Lucan	Divine Service.
" 12, "	236	Monitoba	Cookstown	Divine Service.
" 14, "	34	Thistle	Amherstburg	Divine Service.
Oct. 4, "	376	Unity	Huntsville	To Elect.
July 6, "	143	Friendly Brothers	Iroquois	Divine Service.

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DATE.	No.	NAME OF LODGE.	WHERE HELD.	FOR WHAT GRANTED.
Oct. 14, 1904	151	Grand River	Berlin	Divine Service.
" 29, "	331	Fordwich	Fordwich	Divine Service.
Nov. 10, "	428	Fidelity	Port Perry	At-Home.
" 10, "	100	Valley	Dundas	Divine Service.
" 10, "	166	Wentworth	Stoney Creek	Divine Service.
" 10, "	272	Seymour	Ancester	Divine Service.
" 10, "	291	Dufferin	W. Flamboro'	Divine Service.
" 10, "	357	Waterdown	Millgrove	Divine Service.
" 21, "	442	Dymont	Thessalon	To Elect.
Dec. 5, "	195	Tuscan	London	At-Home.
" 7, "	222	Marmora	Marmora	To Elect.
" 15, "	295	Conestogo	Drayton	" Install.
" 16, "	230	Kerr	Barrie	" Initiate.
" 17, "	438	Harmony	Toronto	" Install.
" 19, "	361	Waverley	Guelph	" Install.
" 21, "	459	Cobden	Cobden	" Install.
" 22, "	75	St. John's	Toronto	" Install.
" 27, "	269	Brougham Union	Brougham	" Install.
" 27, "	477	Sturgeon Falls	Sturgeon Falls	" Hold a Ball.
" 28, "	359	Vittoria	Vittoria	" Install.
" 30, "	2	Niagara	Niagara	" Install.
" 31, "	389	Crystal Fountain	N. Augusta	" Elect and Install.
Jan. 4, 1905	347	Mercer	Fergus	" Install.
" 4, "	348	Georgian	Penetanguishene	" Install.
" 4, "	218	Stevenson	Toronto	At-Home.

GRAND LODGE OF CANADA.

DISPENSATIONS—Continued.

Date.	No.	NAME OF LODGE.	WHERE HELD.	FOR WHAT GRANTED.
Jan. 4, 1905	185	Enniskillen	York	To Install.
" 4, "	197	Saugeen	Walkerton	" Install.
" 5, "	326	Zetland	Toronto	At-Home.
" 6, "	404	Lorne	Tamworth	To Install.
" 7, "	224	Zurich	Hensall	" Install.
" 9, "	46	Wellington	Chatham	Divine Service.
" 9, "	41	St. George's	Kingsville	Divine Service.
" 10, "	47	Great Western	Windsor	To Install.
" 10, "	127	Franck	Frankford	" Install.
" 10, "	403	Windsor	Windsor	" Install.
" 10, "	443	Powassan	Powassan	" Install.
" 10, "	429	Port Elgin	Port Elgin	" Install.
" 12, "	438	Harmony	Toronto	At-Home.
" 12, "	164	Star in the East	Wellington	To Install.
" 12, "	389	Crystal Fountain	N. Augusta	" Install.
" 12, "	208a	St. John's	London	At-Home.
" 16, "	312	Phyx	Wallaceburg	To Install.
" 16, "	186	Plantagenet	Plantagenet	" Elect and Install.
" 17, "	438	Harmony	Toronto	" Change Meeting Hour.
" 17, "	390	Florence	Florence	" Install.
" 20, "	171	Prince of Wales	Lawrence Sta.	" Install.
" 20, "	464	King Edward	Sunderland	" Initiate Serving Br.
" 23, "	343	Georgina	Toronto	" Install.
" 25, "	16	St. Andrew's	Toronto	At-Home.
" 25, "	343	Georgina	Toronto	At-Home.

DISPENSATIONS—Continued.

DATE	No.	NAME OF LODGE.	WHERE HELD.	FOR WHAT GRANTED.
Jan. 25, 1905	354	Brook	Cannington	At-Home.
" 27, "	346	Occident	Toronto	At-Home.
" 27, "	420	Nipissing	North Bay	At-Home.
Feb. 6, "	217	Frederick	Delhi	To Install.
" 6, "	123	Cornwall	Cornwall	At-Home.
" 6, "	387	Lansdowne	Lansdowne	To Install.
" 11, "	450	Hawkesbury	Hawkesbury	" Install.
" 11, "	450	Avonmore	Avonmore	" Install.
" 11, "	316	Doric	Toronto	At-Home.
" 11, "	394	King Solomon's	Thamesford	At-Home.
" 22, "	65	Rehoboam	Toronto	At-Home.
Mch. 13, "	830	Corinthian	London	At-Home.
" 13, "	284	Chaudiere	Ottawa	To Change Meeting Night.
" 16, "	822	North Star	Owen Sound	Divine Service.
" 22, "	20	St. John's	London	At-Home.
April 11, "	75	St. John's	Toronto	At-Home.
May 2, "	234	Beaver	Clarksburg	At-Home.
" 29, "	203	Irvine	Elora	To Install.
" 31, "	108	Blindheim	Princeton	" Install.
June 5, "	257	Galt	Galt	At-Home.
" 5, "	184	Old Light	Lucknow	Divine Service.
" 7, "	U. D.	Tottenham	Tottenham	Divine Service.
" 7, "	441	Westport	Westport	To Install.
" 9, "	289	Brougham Union	Claremont	Divine Service.
" 10, "	201	Leeds	Gananoque	Divine Service.

GRAND LODGE OF CANADA.

DISPENSATIONS—Continued.

DATE.	No.	NAME OF LODGE.	WHERE HELD.	FOR WHAT GRANTED.
June 10, 1905	55	Merrickville	Merrickville.	Excursion.
" 22, "	316	Doric	Toronto.	Excursion.
" 22, "	7	Union	Grimaby	To Install.
" 22, "	139	Lebanon	Oshawa.	" Install.
" 22, "	345	Nilestown	Nilestown	" Change Meeting Night.
" 22, "	159	Goodwood	Richmond	" Hold a Picnic.
" 22, "	465	Carleton	Carp	Divine Service.
" 22, "	147	Mississippi	Almonte	Divine Service.
" 22, "	394	King Solomon's	Thamesford	To Install.
" 22, "	120	Warren	Fingal	" Install.
" 22, "	258	Guelph	Guelph	" Install.
" 22, "	393	Forest	Chesley	" Install.
" 22, "	464	King Edward	Sunderland	" Install.
" 22, "	400	Oakville	Oakville	Divine Service.
" 22, "	165	Burlington	Burlington	Divine Service.
" 22, "	76	Oxford	Woodstock	Divine Service.
" 22, "	114	Hope	Port Hope	Divine Service.
" 22, "	37	Hiram	Ingersoll	Divine Service.
" 22, "	460	Rideau	Seeley's Bay	Divine Service.
" 22, "	433	Bonnechere	Eganville	Divine Service.
" 22, "	223	Norwood	Norwood	Divine Service.
" 22, "	185	Enniskillen	York	Divine Service.
" 22, "	224	Zurich	Hensall	Divine Service.
" 22, "	403	Windsor	Windsor	Divine Service.
" 22, "	153	Burns	Wyoming	Divine Service.

DISPENSATIONS—Continued.

DATE.	No.	NAME OF LODGE.	WHERE HELD.	FOR WHAT GRANTED.
June 22, 1905	285	Patterson	Thornhill	Divine Service.
" 22, "	157	Simpson	Newboro'	Divine Service.
" 22, "	157	Simpson	Newboro'	To Install.
" 22, "	404	Lorne	Tamworth	Divine Service.
" 22, "	284	St. John's	Brussels	Divine Service.
" 22, "	421	Scott	Grand Valley	Divine Service.
" 22, "	129	Rising Sun	Aurora	Divine Service.
" 22, "	68	St. John's	Ingersoll	Divine Service.
" 22, "	108	Burford	Burford	Divine Service

Fraternally submitted,

Hugh Murray
Grand Secretary.

Hamilton, July 17th, 1905.

1904.

June 9	Deposit	\$ 212 50	
" 17	"	120 25	
" 22	"	100 00	
" 24	"	578 00	
" 28	"	1,911 75	
" 30	"	2,044 50	
" 30	"	268 75	
" 30	"	412 50	
		<hr/>	\$5,684 25
July 2	"	1,066 00	
" 4	"	444 75	
" 5	"	1,056 25	
" 5	"	485 95	
" 5	"	300 00	
" 6	"	806 25	
" 7	"	502 00	
" 8	"	336 25	
" 9	"	258 00	
" 11	"	515 00	
" 12	"	439 95	
" 13	"	678 75	
" 14	"	207 25	
" 26	"	2,005 00	
" 26	"	60 00	
" 29	"	216 62	
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Aug. 1	"	139 00	
" 23	"	104 50	
" 30	"	183 25	
		<hr/>	426 75
Sept. 6	"	\$ 112 00	
" 13	"	150 25	
" 16	"	211 50	
" 30	"	211 00	
		<hr/>	684 75
Oct. 3	"	400 00	
" 3	"	160 00	
" 4	"	75 00	
" 10	"	94 25	
" 21	"	115 75	
" 31	"	98 75	
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Nov. 2	"	800 00	
" 18	"	78 50	
" 30	"	170 25	
" 30	"	112 20	
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Dec. 12	"	176 50	
" 22	"	163 75	
" 30	"	656 00	
" 31	"	256 50	
" 31	"	464 00	
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1905						
Jan.	3	Deposit	.	.	.	\$ 416 50
"	4	"	"	"	"	296 25
"	5	"	"	"	"	370 75
"	5	"	"	"	"	85 16
"	5	"	"	"	"	300 00
"	5	"	"	"	"	420 00
"	7	"	"	"	"	379 50
"	9	"	"	"	"	320 50
"	10	"	"	"	"	521 25
"	12	"	"	"	"	150 50
"	13	"	"	"	"	290 00
"	16	"	"	"	"	697 50
"	16	"	"	"	"	60 10
"	18	"	"	"	"	179 75
"	20	"	"	"	"	378 25
"	21	"	"	"	"	334 50
"	23	"	"	"	"	570 50
"	24	"	"	"	"	150 00
"	28	"	"	"	"	616 75
"	31	"	"	"	"	104 00
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						6,641 66
Feb.	4	"	"	"	"	533 10
"	7	"	"	"	"	243 50
"	9	"	"	"	"	187 00
"	11	"	"	"	"	147 00
"	20	"	"	"	"	308 00
"	21	"	"	"	"	158 25
"	28	"	"	"	"	579 00
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						2,153 85
Mar.	3	"	"	"	"	154 50
"	6	"	"	"	"	198 25
"	13	"	"	"	"	312 15
"	20	"	"	"	"	415 00
"	27	"	"	"	"	269 10
"	31	"	"	"	"	659 75
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						2,008 75
Apr.	1	"	"	"	"	160 00
"	7	"	"	"	"	82 75
"	19	"	"	"	"	251 00
"	27	"	"	"	"	267 75
"	29	"	"	"	"	10 00
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						\$771 50
May	1	"	"	"	"	90 00
"	3	"	"	"	"	94 75
"	19	"	"	"	"	173 00
"	25	"	"	"	"	199 50
"	31	"	"	"	"	72 75
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						\$1,420 20
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						\$33,011 18

GRAND LODGE OF CANADA.

Aug.	29—Stenographer's salary	43 00
	29—J. B. Nixon, expenses Benevolent Investigation	200 00
Sept.	14—Expenses Committee on Revision of Constitution	20 00
	26—Asst. in Grand Secretary's office, salary..	66 00
	26—Stenographer's salary	44 00
	26—Toronto General Trusts Corporation, rent of safe	25 00
	26—Premium, Grand Secretary's bond	12 50
	26—Grand Secretary's salary	500 00
	26—Grand Treasurer's salary	50 00
	26—Mortimer & Blakeby, repairing regalia Grand Master	7 50
Oct.	8—Rent Grand Secretary's office to 1st Oct.	87 50
	8—United Typewriter Company, for duplicating machine	18 00
	12—Expenses, Committee on Revision of Constitution	111 72
	21—Expenses Semi-Centennial Committee ..	25 25
	24—Asst. in Grand Secretary's office, salary..	67 00
	24—Stenographer's salary	43 00
Nov.	11—M.W. Bro. Benjamin Allen on account of expenses	200 00
	14—Expenses Committee re Grand Secretary's office	13 45
	15—J. B. Nixon, balance expenses re Benevolent investigation	112 50
	28—Asst. in Grand Secretary's office, salary..	67 00
	28—Stenographer's salary	43 00
Dec.	2—Bell Telephone Company account	23 50
	2—Grand Secretary's salary	500 00
	2—Grand Treasurer's salary	50 00
	2—Testimonial M. W. J. E. Harding	300 00
	27—Asst. in Grand Secretary's office, salary..	66 00
	27—Stenographer's salary	44 00
1905.		
Jan.	17—Expenses of Committee on Constitution..	65 35
Feb.	9—Asst. in Grand Secretary's office, salary..	67 00
	9—Stenographer's salary	43 00
	9—Masonic Relief Association	163 54
	9—M. W. Bro. Benjamin Allen, Grand Master, expenses....	300 00
	10—Hamilton Spectator Printing Company, on account	1,000 00
	27—Asst. in Grand Secretary's office, salary..	67 00
	27—Stenographer's salary	43 00
	27—Expenses Semi-Centennial Committee ..	55 20
Mch.	18—Grand Secretary's salary	500 00
	18—Grand Treasurer's salary	50 00
	18—Asst. in Grand Secretary's office, salary..	66 00
	18—Stenographer's salary	44 00
	21—Expenses Semi-Centennial Celebration Committee	14 65
	27—Hamilton Masonic Hall Association, rent Grand Secretary's office....	87 00

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April	2—Rutherford & Lester, insurance office furniture, Grand Secretary's office	34 00
	6—Bell Telephone, Grand Secretary's office	1 67
	10—Atlas Assurance Co., premium, insurance regalia	23 80
	12—T. Eaton & Co., furnishing Grand Secretary's office	353 60
	12—Keith & Fitzsimmons, Grand Secretary's office	142 75
	12—United Typewriter Co., one typewriter ..	112 50
	12—Wood, Vallance & Co., Grand Secretary's office	2 85
	12—R. McKay & Co., account, Grand Secretary's office	5 00
	24—Asst. in Grand Secretary's office, salary..	67 00
	26—Stenographer's salary	43 00
May	1—A. McKenzle, painter's account, Grand Secretary's office	11 00
	1—Electric Supply, furnishing Grand Secretary's office	26 13
	1—Office Specialty Manufacturing Co., furniture Grand Secretary's office	700 00
	2—Expenses funeral M. W. Bro. Kivas Tully ..	38 95
	11—T. Eaton Co., Grand Secretary's office..	121 90
	26—Asst. in Grand Secretary's office, salary..	67 00
	26—Stenographer's salary	43 00
	30—John E. Riddell, account removing	8 10
	30—W. J. Reid, account fitting up Grand Secretary's office	62 17
	30—Benevolent orders as per list	13,940 00
	30—Balance as per balance sheet	116,168 52
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		\$144,511 35

During the year the Investment Committee renewed the following investments at an increased rate of interest, namely:
Canada Savings & Loan Company at 4½ per cent ..\$ 5,000 00
Ontario Loan & Debenture Company at 4½ per cent. 5,000 00
The Hamilton Provident & Loan Company at 4½ per cent. 15,000 00

The Committee also purchased City of Toronto Consolidated Loan bonds for £1,000 sterling (\$4,866.66) at 3½ per cent. half-yearly, the purchase was made so as to pay Grand Lodge interest at 4.05 per cent. half yearly, and the purchase price, including the accrued interest, amounted to \$4,523.00.

The attached Balance Sheet shows the amount to the credit of the General Fund on the 31st day of May, 1905, and the sums invested with rates of interest. All the debentures are deposited in the vaults of the Toronto General Trusts Corporation, Toronto, and are under the care of the Grand Treasurer and the Grand Secretary, who, in addition to the Vault Clerk of the Toronto General Trusts Corporation, hold check keys of the rented vault, where the debentures are deposited.

BALANCE SHEET, MAY 31ST, 1905.

Debentures—

Brockville Debentures, face value at 4 per cent.	\$ 3,000 00
Woodstock Debentures, face value, at 6 per cent. . .	7,000 00
Central Canada Loan & Savings Co., at 4 per cent. .	15,000 00
Canada Permanent & Western Canada Mortgage Corporation, at 4 per cent.	10,000 00
Canada Permanent & Western Canada Mortgage Corporation, at 4 per cent.	10,000 00
The Landed Banking & Loan Co., at 4 per cent.	15,000 00
Canada Savings & Loan Company, at 4½ per cent. . .	5,000 00
Ontario Loan & Debenture Co., at 4½ per cent.	5,000 00
Hamilton Provident & Loan Co., at 4½ per cent.	15,000 00
City of Brantford Debentures, at 4 per cent.	8,000 00
St. Thomas Debentures, at 4 per cent.	12,148 50
City of Toronto, at 3½ per cent.	4,866 66
The purchase of the 3½ per cent. City of Toronto Debentures for \$4,523.00, will pay Grand Lodge interest thereon at the rate of 4.05 per cent.	

 \$110,015 16

Current Account—

Balance in Canadian Bank of Commerce. . .	\$6,498 63
Less cheques issued, but not presented up to 31st May, 1905	245 27
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	\$6,153 36
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	\$116,168 52

Fraternally submitted.

E. T. MALONE,
Grand Treasurer.

1904-1905

PAYMENTS BY THE GRAND TREASURER ON
ACCOUNT OF BENEVOLENCE.

June 1904.	June 1904.
4 Bro. J. A. G. .. ..\$40 00	12 Widow W. P. 20 00
25 Bro. E. W. M. 40 00	12 Widow J. W. 10 00
28 Mrs. M. M. W... .. 75 00	12 Widow W. J. A. .. 20 00
28 Miss M. W... .. 75 00	12 Bro. W. McC. 25 00
28 Miss M. H. H... .. 18 75	12 Widow H. L. K. .. 20 00
28 Mrs. T. D. H. 75 00	12 Widow W. T. 15 00
29 Widow A. C. 20 00	12 Widow T. E. 15 00
29 Sister J. A. G... .. 50 00	12 Widow J. H.. 10 00
August	12 Widow A. F. 30 00
2 Bro. J. P. 30 00	12 Widow J. W. 10 00
12 Widow G. S. M. .. 15 00	12 Widow W. J. S. .. 15 00
12 Widow J. V.. .. 20 00	12 Widow W. T. S. .. 15 00
12 Widow W. C. S. .. 25 00	12 Widow T. W. G. .. 10 00
12 Widow J. F.. .. 10 00	12 Widow T. G. S.. .. 10 00
12 Widow S. R. 30 00	12 Widow T. McC. L.. 10 00
12 Widow W. J. W. .. 20 00	12 Widow G. C.. 15 00
12 Widow J. P.. .. 20 00	12 Widow A. J. 15 00
12 Widow G. R. B.. .. 25 00	12 Widow G. G. 20 00
12 Widow J. J... .. 20 00	12 Widow R. L. 10 00
12 Widow S. M. 10 00	12 Mother C. E. M... 10 00
12 Sister J. McP... .. 10 00	12 Bro. J. C. W. 25 00
12 Widow T. H. W. .. 15 00	12 Widow J. W. 10 00
12 Widow R. A. K. .. 15 00	12 Widow J. LeC.. .. 10 00
12 Widow G. S. 15 00	12 Widow L. C. J.. .. 10 00
12 Widow J. H. H. .. 10 00	12 Widow J. L. Y.. .. 10 00
12 Orphan M. N. 10 00	12 Widow W. P. 10 00
12 Sister T. H. B.. .. 15 00	12 Widow G. T. 15 00
12 Widow J. K. 25 00	12 Bro. W. H. 50 00
12 Widow E. H. 20 00	12 Widow T. B. 10 00
12 Widow P. P. 20 00	12 Bro. J. S. 25 00
12 Widow J. F. H.. .. 15 00	12 Widow P. G. 20 00
12 Widow A. M. 15 00	12 Widow J. E. 20 00
12 Bro. J. W. 10 00	12 Widow J. E. H.. .. 15 00
12 Bro. R. T. S.. .. 25 00	12 Widow W. H. S. .. 10 00
12 Bro. J. B. S.. .. 37 50	12 Widow W. B. 20 00
12 Bro. W. C... .. 25 00	12 Widow D. G. 15 00
12 Bro. E. B. 25 00	12 Widow J. W. McD. 20 00
12 Widow R. W. 10 00	12 Daughter W. K.. .. 10 00
12 Widow R. M. K. .. 15 00	12 Widow W. F. 20 00
12 Bro. W. H. 25 00	12 Widow J. B.. 15 00
12 M. W. Bro. R. T. W.	12 Widow W. L. 10 00
for Dau. J. D... 25 00	12 Widow W. M. H. .. 40 00
12 Widow J. M. 20 00	12 Widow H. H. 20 00
12 Widow J. S.. .. 10 00	12 Wife S. M. D. 20 00
12 Widow J. W. 10 00	12 Widow F. G. B. .. 20 00

June 1904.	June 1904.
12 Widow T. B. . . . 15 00	12 Widow J. M. . . . 10 00
12 Widow J. W. . . . 10 00	12 Widow H. H. . . . 15 00
12 Widow J. McK. . . . 10 00	12 Widow T. M. B. . . . 20 00
12 Orphans J. L. . . . 25 00	12 Widow W. H. K. . . . 15 00
12 Widow W. M. . . . 10 00	12 Widow R. G. B. . . . 15 00
12 Widow A. M. . . . 10 00	12 Widow A. J. . . . 20 00
12 Widow T. S. S. . . . 10 00	12 Widow J. A. . . . 10 00
12 Widow G. S. McF. . . . 20 00	12 Daughter J. C. . . . 30 00
12 Widow C. MacD. . . . 20 00	12 Widow H. C. B. . . . 20 00
12 Bro. R. H. G. . . . 50 00	12 Widow J. B. . . . 15 00
12 Widow R. B. . . . 10 00	12 Widow J. B. . . . 20 00
12 Widow H. C. . . . 20 00	12 Bro. J. W. C. . . . 25 00
12 Widow C. D. McD. . . . 20 00	12 Widow W. B. W. . . . 15 00
12 Widow G. H. N. . . . 15 00	12 Widow J. S. B. . . . 15 00
12 Sister W. C. . . . 25 00	12 Bro. S. S. R. . . . 50 00
12 Widow W. M. . . . 20 00	12 Bro. B. B. . . . 25 00
12 Widow F. C. . . . 10 00	12 Bro. W. W. . . . 50 00
12 Bro. H. O. H. . . . 50 00	12 Widow T. H. S. . . . 20 00
12 Bro. E. G. . . . 50 00	12 Bro. A. C. . . . 25 00
12 Widow L. Y. . . . cent.	12 Widow E. S. B. . . . 10 00
12 Widow G. S. . . . Loan Co.	12 Widow M. F. H. . . . 10 00
12 Widow W. J. . . . an Company	12 Bro. A. K. . . . 50 00
12 Orphans S. McP. . . . Venture Co., &	12 Widow A. B. DeP. . . . 20 00
12 Bro. J. H. . . . & Loan Co., &	12 Widow E. W. . . . 10 00
12 Widow G. T. . . . Debentures, at	12 Bro. J. C. . . . 50 00
12 Widow F. . . . Ventures, at 4 per	12 Widow C. A. . . . 10 00
12 Widow R. . . . to, at 3½ per	12 Bro. F. H. M. . . . 50 00
12 Widow . . . e of the 3½ per	12 Orphan J. J. . . . 10 00
12 Widow . . . res for \$4,523.00,	12 Widow E. K. . . . 10 00
12 Widow . . . thereon at the r	12 Widow J. F. . . . 20 00
12 Widow . . . 30	12 Widow D. L. C. . . . 10 00
12 Widow . . . 30	12 Widow B. H. E. . . . 20 00
12 Widow . . . cent Account	12 Widow T. S. A. . . . 40 00
12 Widow . . . 00	12 Widow A. C. . . . 20 00
12 Widow . . . Canada . . . 20 00	12 Widow S. H. V. . . . 15 00
12 Bro. . . . des Issu . . . 50 00	12 Widow W. J. S. . . . 30 00
12 Wid. . . . 15 00	12 Widow H. H. . . . 40 00
12 Wid. . . . 15 00	12 Widow M. C. V. . . . 10 00
12 Widow . . . S. . . . 15 00	12 Widow J. M. A. . . . 10 00
12 Widow . . . J. . . . 20 00	12 Bro. J. M. . . . 25 00
12 Widow G. H. B. . . . 15 00	12 Bro. G. C. . . . 25 00
12 Widow J. O. . . . 20 00	12 Bro. G. M. R. . . . 50 00
12 Mother J. O. . . . 10 00	12 Widow A. K. . . . 40 00
12 Wife F. D. . . . 25 00	12 Widow A. McI. . . . 10 00
12 Widow A. G. . . . 15 00	12 Widow T. F. . . . 15 00
12 Widow C. W. W. . . . 15 00	12 Widow A. C. C. . . . 15 00
12 Widow J. A. W. . . . 20 00	12 Bro. J. A. S. . . . 12 50
12 Widow A. L. . . . 20 00	12 Bro. J. P. . . . 25 00
12 Widow W. E. S. . . . 25 00	12 Widow G. G. . . . 10 00
12 Widow T. V. . . . 20 00	12 Widow G. C. . . . 20 00
12 Widow T. B. L. . . . 10 00	12 Widow S. T. . . . 20 00
12 Widow S. B. . . . 15 00	12 Widow M. J. L. . . . 10 00
12 Bro. M. C. R. . . . 50 00	12 Mother J. B. C. . . . 40 00
12 Daughter W. W. . . . 20 00	12 Widow D. S. . . . 20 00

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June	1904.	
12	Widow J. G. L.	40 00
12	Widow C. G.	15 00
12	Bro. C. R.	50 00
12	Widow R. F.	10 00
12	Widow J. C.	20 00
12	Daughter S. S.	20 00
12	Widow J. H.	15 00
12	Bro. J. E. R.	50 00
12	Widow J. W.	40 00
12	Widow W. S. P.	40 00
12	Widow W. A.	10 00
12	Widow J. S.	10 00
12	Widow G. W.	10 00
12	Widow D. S.	10 00
12	Widow C. B. B.	20 00
12	Widow P. R. D.	10 00
12	Widow W. E. S.	15 00
12	Bro. J. S.	25 00
12	Widow C. B.	20 00
12	Widow S. A.	20 00
12	Widow C. M.	20 00
12	Wife J. F.	50 00
12	Widow J. W. H.	15 00
12	Widow J. A. MacI.	15 00
12	Daughter T. L.	20 00
12	Widow J. R.	25 00
12	Widow F. M. D.	20 00
12	Bro. G. H. A. P.	50 00
12	Widow J. A.	30 00
12	Widow H. G. G.	40 00
12	Bro. J. P.	50 00
12	Bro. J. C.	50 00
12	Widow S. L.	50 00
12	Bro. R. C. W.	25 00
12	Bro. A. B.	25 00
12	Widow W. E. J.	25 00
12	Widow L. W. W.	20 00
12	Widow J. A.	25 00
12	Orphans J. R. S.	20 00
12	Widow R. G.	10 00
12	Bro. R. S.	50 00
12	Widow W. C.	50 00
12	Widow N. R. R.	40 00
12	Widow L. N.	20 00
12	Widow A. S.	40 00
12	Bro. L.	25 00
12	Bro. G. R.	50 00
12	Widow H. D. F.	20 00
12	Widow R. E. H.	15 00
12	Widow J. G.	10 00
12	Wife W. K.	20 00
12	Widow J. P.	30 00
12	Widow J. Z.	10 00

June	1904.	
12	Widow W. S.	20 00
12	Widow T. B. P.	15 00
12	Widow D. S. L.	15 00
12	Widow R. H. W.	20 00
10	Widow J. A. S.	20 00
10	Widow E. S.	15 00
10	Widow R. C. C.	15 00
10	Widow C. J. W.	10 00
10	Widow T. C.	20 00
10	Widow J. W.	20 00
10	Widow R. C.	15 00
10	Daughter J. McE	10 00
10	Widow G. W. A.	20 00
10	Widow A. A. C.	10 00
10	Widow E. D.	20 00
10	Bro. J. F. S.	25 00
10	Bro. C. L.	15 00
10	Bro. T. R. W.	50 00
10	Widow H. R.	20 00
10	Widow O. Y.	20 00
10	Widow A. B.	20 00
10	Bro. N. K.	50 00
10	Bro. E. McL.	25 00
10	Widow J. M.	10 00
10	Widow F. B.	10 00
10	Widow H. L.	10 00
10	Widow A. G. M.	20 00
10	Bro. J. P. L.	50 00
10	Bro. J. E.	50 00
10	Bro. H. W.	25 00
10	Bro. G. W.	25 00
10	Widow . LeC	25 00
10	Widow L. C.	15 00
10	Widow J. L.	20 00
10	Widow W. P.	10 00
10	Widow T.	15 00
10	Orphans	40 00
10	Bro. W. McL.	25 00
10	Bro. J. C.	25 00
10	Bro. S. O. D.	50 00
10	Widow B. C.	40 00
10	Widow P. C.	25 00
10	Widow L. M. L.	15 00
10	Widow A. W. P.	15 00
10	Widow J. C.	20 00
10	Widow W. B.	25 00
10	Bro. A. F.	25 00
10	Widow J. P.	25 00
10	Widow F. P. G.	25 00
10	Bro. G. R. McL.	50 00
10	Bro. C. S.	25 00
10	Bro. T. P.	25 00
10	Widow W. B.	20 00
10	Widow R. E.	30 00

September 1904

26 Mrs. W. M. W.	75 00
26 Miss M. W.	75 00
26 Miss M. H.	18 75
26 Mrs. T. D. H.	75 00
27 W. M. H., L. 432,	
fun. exp. G. W.	25 00

October.

19 Bro. W. A. R.	40 00
19 Widow S. H.	40 00
24 Widow R. A. D.	40 00

November.

2 Mrs. J. A.	30 00
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December.

21 Miss F. J. D., dau.	
A. L. D.	40 00
27 Mrs. W. M. W.	75 00
27 Miss M. W.	75 00
27 Miss M. H. H.	18 75
27 Mrs. T. D. H.	75 00

January 1905.

9 Bro. A. S. B.	40 00
9 Widow G. S. M.	15 00
9 Widow J. V.	20 00
9 Widow W. C. S.	25 00
9 Widow J. F.	10 00
9 Widow S. R.	30 00
9 Widow W. J. W.	20 00
9 Widow I. P.	20 00
9 Widow G. R. B.	25 00
9 Sec.-Treas L. B. of	
Relief, Guelph	20 00
9 Widow S. M.	10 00
9 Sister J. McP.	10 00
9 Widow T. H. W.	15 00
9 Widow R. A. K.	15 00
9 Widow G. S.	15 00
9 Widow J. H. H.	10 00
9 Sec.-Treas L. B. of	
Relief, Hamilton,	
for orphan M. N.	10 00
9 Sister T. H. B.	15 00
9 Widow J. K.	25 00
9 Widow E. H.	20 00
9 Daughter P. P.	20 00
9 Widow J. F. H.	15 00
9 Widow A. M.	15 00
9 G. C. H., Hamilton,	
Bro. J. W.	10 00
9 Bro. R. T. S.	25 00
9 Sec.-Treas L. B. of	
Relief, Hamilton,	
for Bro. J. B. S.	37 50
9 Bro. W. C.	25 00
9 Widow R. W.	10 00

January 1905.

9 Widow R. M. K.	15 00
9 Bro. W. H.	25 00
9 M. W. Bro. R. T. W.,	
Kingston, for dau.	
J. D.	25 00
9 Widow J. M.	20 00
9 Widow J. W.	10 00
9 Widow W. P.	20 00
9 Widow J. W.	10 00
9 Widow W. J. A.	20 00
9 Bro. W. McC	25 00
9 Widow H. L. K.	20 00
9 Widow W. T.	15 00
9 Widow T. E.	15 00
9 Widow J. H.	10 00
9 Widow A. F.	30 00
9 Widow J. W.	10 00
9 Widow W. J. S.	15 00
9 Widow W. D. S.	15 00
9 Widow T. W. H.	10 00
9 Widow T. G. S.	10 00
9 Widow T. McC. L.	10 00
9 Widow G. C.	15 00
9 Widow A. J.	15 00
9 Widow G. G.	20 00
9 Widow R. L.	10 00
9 Mother C. E. M.	10 00
9 Bro. J. C. W.	25 00
9 Widow J. W.	10 00
9 Widow J. LeC.	10 00
9 Widow L. G. J.	10 00
9 Widow J. L. Y.	10 00
9 Widow W. P.	10 00
9 Widow G. T.	15 00
9 Widow W. H.	50 00
9 Widow T. B.	10 00
9 Widow P. G.	20 00
9 Widow J. E.	20 00
9 Widow J. L. H.	15 00
9 Widow W. H. S.	10 00
9 Widow W. B.	20 00
9 Widow D. G.	15 00
9 Widow J. W. Mac.	20 00
9 Daughter W. K.	10 00
9 Widow W. K.	20 00
9 Widow J. B.	15 00
9 Widow W. L.	10 00
9 Widow W. M. H.	40 00
9 Widow H. H.	20 00
9 Wife S. M. D.	20 00
9 Widow F. G. B.	20 00
9 Widow T. B.	15 00
9 Widow J. W.	10 00
9 Widow J. McK.	10 00

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9 Sec.-Treas. L. B. of Relief, Ottawa, for orphan J. L. . . .	25 00
9 Widow W. M. . . .	10 00
9 Widow A. M. . . .	10 00
9 Widow T. S. S. . . .	10 00
9 Widow G. S. McF. . . .	20 00
9 Widow C. H. Mac. . . .	20 00
9 Sec.-Treas. L. B. of Relief, Peterboro, for Bro. R. H. G. . . .	50 00
9 Widow W. B. . . .	10 00
9 Widow H. C. . . .	20 00
9 Widow C. D. Mac. . . .	20 00
9 Widow G. H. N. . . .	15 00
9 Sister W. C. . . .	25 00
9 Widow W. M. . . .	20 00
9 Widow F. C. . . .	10 00
9 Bro. H. O. H. . . .	50 00
9 Bro. E. G. . . .	50 00
9 Widow L. Y. . . .	20 00
9 Widow G. S. . . .	20 00
9 Widow W. J. . . .	20 00
9 Sec.-Treas. L. B. of Relief, Toronto, for orphan M. P. . . .	20 00
9 Sec.-Treas. L. B. of Relief for Bro. J. H. . . .	50 00
9 Widow G. T. P. . . .	10 00
9 Widow F. S. B. . . .	10 00
9 Widow R. D. M. . . .	15 00
9 Widow R. P. . . .	15 00
9 Widow J. M. . . .	10 00
9 Widow A. R. P. . . .	30 00
9 Widow J. T. G. . . .	20 00
9 Widow A. S. W. . . .	15 00
9 Widow T. R. . . .	15 00
9 Widow J. McK. . . .	20 00
9 Widow R. H. . . .	10 00
9 Sec.-Treas. L. B. of Relief, Toronto, for Bro. D. B. M. . . .	50 00
9 Widow J. R. L. S. . . .	15 00
9 Widow S. R. . . .	15 00
9 Widow G. W. S. . . .	15 00
9 Widow J. T. J. . . .	20 00
9 Widow G. H. B. . . .	15 00
9 Widow J. O. . . .	20 00
9 Mother J. O. . . .	10 00
9 Wife F. D. . . .	25 00
9 Widow A. G. . . .	15 00
9 Widow C. W. W. . . .	15 00
9 Widow J. A. W. . . .	20 00

January 1905.

9 Sec.-Treas. L. B. of Relief of Toronto for Widow A. L. . . .	20 00
9 Widow W. E. S. . . .	25 00
9 Widow T. V. . . .	20 00
9 Widow T. B. L. . . .	10 00
9 Widow S. B. . . .	15 00
9 Bro. M. G. R. . . .	50 00
9 Daughter W. W. . . .	20 00
9 Widow J. M. . . .	10 00
9 Widow H. H. . . .	15 00
9 Widow F. M. B. . . .	20 00
9 Widow W. H. K. . . .	15 00
9 Widow R. G. B. . . .	15 00
9 Widow A. C. . . .	20 00
9 Widow J. A. . . .	10 00
9 Daughter J. C. . . .	30 00
9 Widow M. C. B. . . .	20 00
9 Widow J. B. . . .	15 00
9 Bro. L. . . .	25 00
9 Widow J. H. . . .	10 00
9 Widow J. B. . . .	20 00
9 Bro. J. W. C. . . .	25 00
9 Widow W. B. W. . . .	15 00
9 Widow J. S. B. . . .	15 00
9 Bro. S. G. R. . . .	50 00
9 Bro. B. B. . . .	25 00
9 Bro. W. W. . . .	50 00
9 Widow T. H. S. . . .	20 00
9 Bro. A. C. . . .	25 00
9 Widow C. E. S. B. . . .	10 00
9 Widow M. F. H. . . .	10 00
9 Bro. A. K. . . .	50 00
9 Widow A. B. DeP. . . .	20 00
9 Widow E. W. . . .	10 00
9 Bro. J. C. . . .	50 00
9 Widow C. A. . . .	10 00
9 Bro. F. M. . . .	50 00
9 W. M. Lodge No. 45, Brantford, for orphan of J. J. . . .	10 00
9 Widow E. K. . . .	10 00
9 Widow J. F. . . .	20 00
9 Widow D. L. C. . . .	10 00
9 Widow B. H. E. . . .	20 00
9 Widow T. S. A. . . .	40 00
9 Widow A. C. . . .	20 00
9 Widow S. H. V. . . .	15 00
9 Widow W. J. S. . . .	30 00
9 Widow H. E. . . .	40 00
9 Widow M. G. V. . . .	10 00
9 Widow J. M. A. . . .	10 00
9 Bro. J. W. . . .	25 00
9 Widow G. C. . . .	25 00

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9 Mrs. G. W. R.	50 00
9 Widow A. McL.	10 00
9 Widow A. C. C.	15 00
9 Bro. J. A. S.	12 50
9 Bro. J. P.	25 00
9 Widow G. G.	10 00
9 Widow G. C.	20 00
9 Widow S. T.	20 00
9 Widow M. J. L.	10 00
9 Mother J. B. C.	40 00
9 Widow D. S.	20 00
9 Widow J. G. L.	40 00
9 Widow C. G.	15 00
9 Widow R. F.	10 00
9 Widow J. C.	20 00
9 Daughter S. S.	20 00
9 Widow J. H.	15 00
9 Bro. J. E. R.	50 00
9 Widow J. W.	40 00
9 Widow W. A.	10 00
9 Widow J. S.	10 00
9 Widow G. W.	10 00
9 Widow D. S.	10 00
9 Widow C. B. B.	20 00
9 Widow P. R. D.	10 00
9 Widow W. E. S.	15 00
9 Bro. J. S.	25 00
9 Daughter C. B.	20 00
9 Widow S. A.	20 00
9 Widow C. M.	20 00
9 Widow J. W. H.	15 00
9 Widow J. A. MacL.	15 00
9 Daughter T. L.	20 00
9 Widow J. R.	25 00
9 Widow F. M. D.	20 00
9 Bro. G. W. A. P.	50 00
9 M. W. Bro. A. A. S. for widow J. A.	30 00
9 Widow H. G. G.	40 00
9 W.M. Lodge No. 131 Southampton, for Bro. J. P.	50 00
9 W. M. Lodge 136, Stouffville, for Bro. J. C.	25 00
9 Widow S. L.	20 00
9 Bro. R. C. W.	25 00
9 Widow W. E. J.	25 00
9 Widow L. W. W.	20 00
9 Widow J. A.	25 00
9 W. M. Lodge No. 146, Newburgh, for orphans J.R.S.	20 00
9 Widow R. G.	10 00

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9 Widow R. S.	50 00
9 Widow W. C.	20 00
9 Widow N. R. R.	40 00
9 Widow L. N.	20 00
9 Widow A. S.	40 00
9 Widow H. D. F.	20 00
9 Widow R. E. H.	15 00
9 Widow J. G.	10 00
9 Wife W. K.	20 00
9 Widow J. P.	30 00
9 Widow J. Z.	10 00
9 Widow W. S.	20 00
9 Widow T. B. P.	15 00
9 Widow D. S. L.	15 00
9 Widow R. H. W.	20 00
9 Widow J. A. S.	20 00
9 Widow E. S.	15 00
9 Widow R. C. C.	15 00
9 Widow C. J. W.	10 00
9 Widow J. W.	20 00
9 Daughter J. McE.	10 00
9 Widow R. C.	15 00
9 Widow G. W. A.	20 00
9 Widow A. A. C.	10 00
9 Widow E. D.	20 00
9 Bro. J. F. S.	25 00
9 Widow J. E.	15 00
9 Bro. T. R. W.	50 00
9 Widow H. R.	20 00
9 Widow O. Y.	20 00
9 Widow A. B.	20 00
9 Bro. N. K.	50 00
9 Bro. F. McL.	25 00
9 Widow J. M.	10 00
9 Widow F. B.	10 00
9 Widow H. L.	10 00
9 Widow W. B. S.	25 00
9 Widow A. A. M.	20 00
9 Bro. J. B.	50 00
9 Bro. J. D.	50 00
9 Bro. H. H.	25 00
9 W. Bro. G. H. W., P. M. Lodge No. 348, Penetang, for Bro. G. A. F. C.	25 00
9 Widow A. A. N.	25 00
9 Widow A. E. B.	15 00
9 Widow F. C.	20 00
9 Widow J. E. E.	10 00
9 Widow R. A. P.	15 00
9 W.M. Lodge No. 373 Welland, for or- phans C. A. W. C.	40 00
9 Bro. W. McK.	25 00

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9 Bro. J. C.	25 00	9 Widow J. L. H. . . .	40 00
9 Bro. S. C. D.	50 00	March.	
9 Widow B. C.	40 00	7 Bro. C. R.	50 00
9 Widow P. C.	25 00	7 Bro. W. A. R.	40 00
9 Widow L. M. L.	15 00	10 Widow C. F. R. . . .	40 00
9 Widow A. W. P.	15 00	18 Mrs. W. M. W.	75 00
9 Widow J. C.	20 00	18 Miss M. W.	75 00
9 Widow A. C.	20 00	18 Miss M. H. H.	18 75
9 Bro. W. B.	25 00	18 Mrs. T. D. H.	75 00
9 Bro. A. F.	25 00	22 Widow J. F.	40 00
9 Widow J. P.	25 00	April.	
9 Widow F. P. G.	25 00	3 Widow G. S.	40 00
9 Bro. G. R. McL.	50 00	8 Bro. H. R. W.	25 00
9 Bro. C. S.	25 00	19 Widow H. J. S. . . .	40 00
9 Bro. T. P.	25 00		
9 Widow W. B.	20 00		<u>\$13,940 00</u>
9 Widow R. E.	30 00		

It was moved by R. W. Bro. Jas. H. Burritt, seconded by M. W. Bro. E. T. Malone, and

Resolved, That the reports of the Grand Secretary and Grand Treasurer be received and referred to the Board of General Purposes.

REPORTS OF THE DISTRICT DEPUTY GRAND MASTERS.

It was moved by R. W. Bro. Jas. H. Burritt, seconded by M. W. Bro. Hugh Murray, and

Resolved, That the reports from the various District Deputy Grand Masters be received, considered as read, and referred to the Board of General Purposes.

ERIE DISTRICT NO. 1.

To the Most Worshipful the Grand Master, Officers and Members of the Grand Lodge, A. F. & A. M., of Canada, in the Province of Ontario:

MOST WORSHIPFUL SIR AND BRETHREN :

It affords me great pleasure to present my report on the condition and progress of Masonry in Erie District No. 1 for the past year. I wish particularly to mention the kind, courteous and brotherly way in which I have been used by the officers and members of the several lodges in the District, and I wish here to thank them one and all for their hospitality and kindness to me.

Masonry is in a flourishing condition in the District. There are twenty-six lodges, with eighteen hundred and sixty-eight members in good standing. During the year there have been one hundred and eighty-five initiations, twenty-eight deaths, twenty-eight suspensions for N. P. D., twenty restorations, thirty-five affiliations and forty-six resignations, a gain in membership of one hundred and thirty-six for the year.

The only reproach to the District is the indifference or even hostility of some of the lodges to the Semi-Centennial Fund, and I must say that some of the richest lodges are the worst sinners in this matter.

There was one communication of Grand Lodge held in the district, when on February 17th Most Wor. Bro. Allen, assisted by Most Wor. Bro. H. Murray and other officers and members of Grand Lodge, dedicated the magnificent rooms of Great Western and Windsor lodges to Craft purposes. About two hundred Masons were present at the ceremony, after which a reception was held by

the officers and members, which was attended by the wives, daughters and friends of the Craft in Windsor and vicinity. A very pleasant evening was spent, and the Craft in Windsor received many congratulations on their splendid quarters.

The following deaths of brethren in the District have been reported to me for the year: W. Bro. John A. Gillies, P. M., of McColl Lodge No. 386, who died June 28, 1904; Bro. S. S. McKay, M. M. of Star of the East Lodge, No. 422, who died July 8, 1904; Bro. James McGuire, M. M. of Pnyx Lodge, No. 312, who died September 12, 1904, at Essex; Bro. William Wigle, M. M. of St. George's Lodge No. 41, who died October 30, 1904; W. Bro. Hugh Ruthven, P. M. of St. George's Lodge No. 41, who died October 31, 1904, he was the last of the charter members of the lodge; Bro. James McNally, M. M. of Great Western Lodge No. 47, who died November 27, 1904; V. W. Bro. Geo. Middleditch, P. M. of Howard Lodge No. 391, and P. G. S. of Grand Lodge; Bro. Geo. A. Peace, E. A. of Wellington Lodge No. 46, who died December 11, 1904; W. Bro. C. J. Campbell, P. M. of Lorne Lodge No. 282, who died December 24, 1904; Bro. Geo. Harvey Dean, E. A. of Xenophon Lodge No. 448, who died January 8, 1905; W. Bro. James C. Guillot, P. M. of Windsor Lodge No. 403, who died January 28, 1905; Bro. Jonathan Lowry, M. M. of Windsor Lodge No. 403, who died December 1, 1904; Bro. John S. Midgaugh, M. M. of St. George's Lodge, No. 41, who died October 19, 1904; Bro. Eber Moon, M. M. of Parvain Lodge No. 395, who died February 2nd, 1905; W. Bro. John Duck, P. M. of Howard Lodge No. 391, who died February 16, 1905, aged 81 years (W. Bro. Duck was initiated in King Solomon's Lodge, Toronto, in July, 1856); Bro. Thomas Nichol, M. M. of Wellington Lodge No. 46, who died March 2, 1905; Bro. Geo. A. Rigg, M. M. of Great Western Lodge No. 47, who died March 6, 1905; Bro. William Coybe, M. M., of Great Western Lodge No. 47, who died April 8, 1905; Bro. Robert Cumming, M. M. of Kent Lodge No. 274, who died May 27, 1905; Bro. Richard Elliott, M. M. of Thistle Lodge No. 34, who died May 23, 1905; Bro. Ed. Quennell, M. M. of Pnyx Lodge No. 312, who died May 23, 1905; W. Bro. Robert Riddell, P. M. of Wellington Lodge No. 46, who died June 8, 1905; W. Bro. John R. Park, P. M. of This-

tle Lodge No. 34; Bro. Leonard N. Scratch, M. M. of St. George Lodge No. 41, who died March 5, 1905; Bro. Deidrich Lipphardt, M. M. of McColl Lodge No. 386, who died October 20, 1904; W. Bro. Charles Brown, P. M. of Rodney Lodge No. 411.

DISPENSATIONS.

The following dispensations were granted by me during the year: To Lorne Lodge, No. 282, to attend divine service on October 9, 1904; to Wellington Lodge, No. 46, to attend divine service on December 18, 1904; to St. George's Lodge, No. 41, to attend divine service on January 1, 1905; to Parvaim Lodge, No. 395, to attend divine service June 18, 1905; to Central Lodge, No. 402, to attend divine service on June 25, 1905; to Sydenham Lodge, No. 255, to attend divine service on June 25, 1905; to Pnyx Lodge, No. 312, to attend divine service June 25, 1905; to Howard Lodge, No. 391, to attend divine service June 25, 1905; to Kent Lodge, No. 274, to attend divine service July 2, 1905.

Requests for dispensations to install from the following lodges: Sydenham, No. 255; Great Western, No. 47, and Pnyx, No. 312, were referred to the Grand Master.

LODGE OF INSTRUCTION.

A Lodge of Instruction was held under the charter of Thistle Lodge, No. 34, Amherstburg, on March 31. The Entered Apprentice and Fellowcraft degrees were exemplified in the afternoon on the actual candidates, the former by the W. Master and officers of Central Lodge, No. 402, Essex, the latter by the W. Master and officers of Thistle Lodge, No. 34, Amherstburg. After a splendid banquet, furnished by Thistle Lodge, the W. Master and officers of Great Western Lodge, No. 47, Windsor, conferred the third degree on their own candidate accurately and very impressively. There were about 130 present at the banquet and evening session, including visitors from Naphtali Lodge, No. 413, Tilbury; Leamington Lodge, No. 290, Leamington; Central Lodge, No. 402, Essex; Windsor Lodge, No. 403, Windsor; Great Western Lodge, No. 47, Windsor; Tecumseh Lodge, No. 245, Thamesville; Partheon Lodge, No. 267, Chatham. All the lodges taking part were commended for their manner of doing their work by the P. D. D. G. M's present, of

whom we had four, R. W. Bros. E. Wigle, E. Worth, Geo. E. White and J. B. Rankin. I also asked the brethren of the Chatham lodges to allow me to hold a Lodge of Instruction under their charters, which they said they would be pleased to do as soon as their new lodge rooms were dedicated, which they expected would be in March. But as the dedication has not taken place yet I was unable to hold it.

OFFICIAL VISITS.

I have visited every lodge in the District at least once, with the exception of Florence Lodge, No. 390, which had the misfortune to be burned out about the first of March, and has not opened up yet but expect to shortly.

McColl Lodge, No. 386, West Lorne: I visited this, my mother lodge, on December 9. There being no candidate present the W. Master and officers opened and closed in the three degrees, which they did in a very satisfactory manner.

Thistle Lodge, No. 34, Amherstburg: I visited this Lodge on December 6 and witnessed a third degree. The candidate was not as well posted as he should have been, and the officers showed a lack of careful practice, but I am pleased to be able to say that at the Lodge of Instruction held in March they showed marked improvement in both these matters.

Hammond Lodge, No. 327, Wardsville: I visited this Lodge on December 20. The evening was so stormy that two candidates and the Senior Warden, who had some distance to drive, did not come, but a candidate for the third degree being present he was raised to the sublime degree of a Master Mason by Wor. P. M's Elliott and Long, assisted by the other officers and volunteers of the lodge. The Master's work was very well done, the other officers, being mostly volunteers, should not be closely criticised.

Tecumseh Lodge, No. 245, Thamesville: I was asked to visit this lodge in this date, January 17, to present a Past Master's jewel to R. W. Bro. Worth. Through some delay the jewel did not arrive, but the newly elected officers (this was their first meeting) showed that they were enthusiastic in the work by opening and closing in the several degrees in a very creditable manner.

Lorne Lodge, No. 282, Glencoe: I visited this Lodge on January 19. There being no candidate present the

D. Master and officers opened and closed in the three degrees in a faultless manner, meanwhile asking a number of questions, which showed they were close students of the Masonic work.

Rodney Lodge, No. 411, Rodney: Accompanied by several brethren from West Lorne I visited Rodney lodge on February 28 and witnessed the conferring of the Fellowcraft degree. The work was very well done when allowance is made for the work of volunteers who were filling the places of absent officers.

Century Lodge, No. 457, Merlin: On my visit to Century lodge I was accompanied by R. W. Bro. Milner and V. W. Bro. Becker, of West Lorne. This being the infant lodge of the district, and having no Past Masters, R. W. Bro. Milner kindly consented to install their officers, which he did in his usual impressive manner, after which the newly installed officers closed in the several degrees.

Central Lodge, No. 402, Essex: I visited this lodge on March 15, accompanied by W. Bro. Jordan, of Dutton. On this evening the W. Master, assisted by P. M's and officers, conferred a first, second and third degree. The candidates were all well posted and the work well done in every respect.

Pnyx Lodge, No. 312, Wallaceburg: I visited this lodge on April 17, and found them doing fairly good work, but the officers should get together and practice occasionally. Bro. E. E. Parker is the model Secretary of the district, having only one member on his books 12 months or over in arrears for dues.

Kent Lodge, No. 274, Blenheim: This lodge is doing a lot of work and doing it well. They had a good attendance, although the night was bad. The Past Masters turn out and take an interest in the work. Since my visit the Secretary informs me they have made arrangements to move into larger and more convenient rooms.

Star of the East Lodge, No. 422, Bothwell: I visited this lodge on April 19, when I witnessed the conferring of a first degree, which was done in a faultless manner by the W. Master and his officers.

Naphtali Lodge, No. 413, Tilbury: Accompanied by V. W. Bro. Becker, of West Lorne, I visited this lodge on May 2. This is a first-class lodge, and the W. Master and his officers conferred a second degree in a splendid manner.

Highgate Lodge, No. 336, Highgate: On my visit to this lodge I was accompanied by a number of West Lorne and Rodney brethren. A number of interesting questions were asked and a pleasant and profitable evening spent.

Sydenham Lodge, No. 255, Dresden: I visited this Lodge on May 11, where I witnessed the conferring of a first degree on a very nervous candidate, who made it very difficult for the officers to show how well they could do the work. I had the pleasure of presenting R. W. Bro. J. B. Carscallen with a P. D. D. G. M's apron from Erie District No. 1.

Parvaim Lodge, No. 395, Comber: I visited this lodge on May 11, where I witnessed the conferring of a first degree. The work was fairly well done, but might be improved by a little practice by the officers when there is no candidate present.

Howard Lodge, No. 391, Ridgetown: I visited this lodge on May 15, where I witnessed the conferring of three second degrees. The work was well done by the W. Master and officers, but the candidates should have been more thoroughly posted.

Xenophon Lodge, No. 448, Wheatley: I visited this lodge on May 16. The candidate for the evening (a doctor) having been called out of town the W. Master and officers conferred the degree (2nd) on the youngest member of the lodge. He showed that he had been thoroughly posted, and the degree was conferred in a faultless manner.

St. George's Lodge, No. 41, Kingsville: I visited this lodge on May 18. Good live lodge, good attendance. The third degree was conferred in an impressive manner, but the work might be improved in some points by a little careful practice.

Great Western Lodge, No. 47, Windsor: I visited this lodge, accompanied by Bro. Conway, of West Lorne, on May 25. This is the strongest lodge in the district, and they pride themselves on doing good work. Their present W. M. confers a degree in the most impressive manner of any officer I have heard on my official visits. On this occasion they conferred a first degree which was practically faultless.

Windsor Lodge, No. 403, Windsor: I visited this lodge on May 26, when I witnessed the conferring of a

third degree. The W. Master was suffering from a very bad throat, but notwithstanding this handicap the work was splendidly done.

Leamington Lodge, No. 290, Leamington: I visited this lodge on June 13. A good live lodge; they are nearly out of debt after having been burned out only a year and a half ago and fitting up and furnishing splendid rooms since that. On the occasion of my visit they conferred a second degree on a candidate (who was thoroughly posted) in a very satisfactory manner.

Partheon Lodge, No. 267, Chatham: I visited this lodge on June 14. The evening was very warm and the attendance not as large as it otherwise would have been. The candidate, who had just recovered from a lengthy illness, was consequently not as well posted as he should have been. The W. Master had been called out of the city that afternoon on important business, and all the offices with the exception of Tyler and Senior Warden were filled by volunteers. Considering these circumstances I do not feel justified in criticising their work (a second degree), although it was not up to what I expected. But I must say for the Chatham brethren that they are filled with the genuine Masonic spirit.

Wellington Lodge, No. 46, Chatham: I visited this lodge on June 19. There was a fair attendance, considering the hot evening. The degree (a first) was conferred by the W. Master and officers in a very pleasing manner, and I was much pleased to hear the P. M., who was asked to deliver the charge from the B. of C. do so from memory, as there are very few who can read this without destroying most of its beauties.

All of which is fraternally submitted.

D. F. WEBSTER, D. D. G. M.,
Erie District No. 1.

GRAND LODGE OF A. F. & A. M. OF CANADA IN THE PROVINCE OF ONTARIO.
 Table showing the work done in Erie District, No. 1, from June 24th, 1904, to June 24th, 1905.

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No. of Lodge.	NAME OF LODGE.	LOCATION.	Mem- bership		Total No. of all Mem.	Increase during year.		Decrease during year.		B. A.	F. O.	M. M.	Degrees Conf'd		Amalgamations.	Restorations.	Resignations.	Suspensions, N. P. D.	Suspensions, other causes.	Deceased.	Meet'gs held			Average attendance of members.	Amount paid for relief.	No. of members 12 months in arrears.	Total of all Arrearages.	Date of last G. L. Return.	Financial Standing.	Prospects of Lodge.	Can W. M. work all degrees.	Insurance.	
			Increased during year.	Decreased during year.		Regular.	Emergency.	Total.																									
34	Thistle	Amherstburg	77	13	90	15	10	6	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	2	13	23	25	90	\$25 00	Not	Given	July 13	Good	Excellent	Yes	\$ 500 00	
41	St. George's	Kingville	93	3	96	6	3	3	3	3	3	3	3	3	3	3	3	3	3	4	19	7	19	93	25 00	9	\$ 40 00	Dec. 27, '04	Fair	Good	Yes	1800 00	
46	Wellington	Chatham	164	3	167	6	6	6	6	6	6	6	6	6	6	6	6	6	6	6	3	11	13	24	93	25 00	35	250 00	March 12	Good	Fine	Yes	300 00
47	Grt. West'n	Windsor	266	26	292	25	21	21	21	21	21	21	21	21	21	21	21	21	21	21	3	12	33	47	35	75	400 00	Jan. 19, '05	Good	Good	Yes	300 00	
245	Tecumseh	Thamesville	57	7	64	6	6	6	6	6	6	6	6	6	6	6	6	6	6	6	14	14	17	16	16	90	5	63 77	Dec. 27, '04	Good	Good	Yes	300 00
255	Sydenham	Dresden	71	7	78	6	6	6	6	6	6	6	6	6	6	6	6	6	6	6	19	6	17	24	24	90	00	26	June 24, '05	Good	Good	Yes	500 00
267	Parthenon	Chatham	119	25	144	21	18	18	18	18	18	18	18	18	18	18	18	18	18	18	13	20	33	35	35	41	399 50	June 24, '04	Splendid	Good	Yes	500 00	
274	Kent	Blenheim	80	13	93	9	6	6	6	6	6	6	6	6	6	6	6	6	6	6	1	4	6	20	25	18	110 00	Good	Good	Yes	401 00	
283	Lorne	Glencoe	54	1	55	3	3	3	3	3	3	3	3	3	3	3	3	3	3	3	1	1	1	1	1	14	39 50	Good	Good	Yes	370 01	
290	Leamington	Leamington	113	6	119	7	4	4	4	4	4	4	4	4	4	4	4	4	4	4	1	4	13	16	16	35	129 91	June, 1904	Good	Good	Yes	950 00	
319	Pnyx	Wallaceburg	91	5	96	7	6	6	6	6	6	6	6	6	6	6	6	6	6	6	1	4	13	16	16	35	129 91	Dec. 27, '04	Good	Good	Yes	400 00	
327	The Hammonds	Wardville	23	1	24	2	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	.....	.....	Fair	Fair	No	500 01
336	Highbate	Highbate	57	6	63	6	4	4	4	4	4	4	4	4	4	4	4	4	4	4	1	1	1	1	1	.....	.....	Good	Good	Yes	300 00
358	McColl	West Lorne	65	4	69	6	6	6	6	6	6	6	6	6	6	6	6	6	6	6	1	1	1	1	1	.....	.....	Good	Good	Yes	500 00
360	Florence	Florence	26	3	29	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	.....	.....	Good	Good	Yes	300 00
391	Howard	Ridgetown	81	3	84	10	9	9	9	9	9	9	9	9	9	9	9	9	9	9	1	1	1	1	1	.....	.....	Fair	Fair	Yes	300 00
395	Pervain	Comber	50	4	54	4	3	3	3	3	3	3	3	3	3	3	3	3	3	3	1	1	1	1	1	.....	.....	Good	Good	Yes	300 00
403	Central	Essex	59	2	61	10	10	10	10	10	10	10	10	10	10	10	10	10	10	10	1	1	1	1	1	.....	.....	Good	Good	Yes	500 00
413	Windsor	Windsor	133	34	167	18	20	20	20	20	20	20	20	20	20	20	20	20	20	20	1	1	1	1	1	.....	.....	Good	Good	Yes	950 00
411	Rodney	Rodney	33	3	36	4	6	6	6	6	6	6	6	6	6	6	6	6	6	6	1	1	1	1	1	.....	.....	Fair	Fair	Yes	300 00
413	Naphtal	Tilbury	77	5	82	7	5	5	5	5	5	5	5	5	5	5	5	5	5	5	1	1	1	1	1	.....	.....	Good	Good	Yes	310 00
423	Star of East	Bothwell	44	1	45	2	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	.....	.....	Good	Good	Yes	300 00
443	Xenophon	Wheatley	32	1	33	2	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	.....	.....	Good	Good	Yes	300 00
457	Century	Merlin	22	1	23	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	.....	.....	Fair	Fair	Yes	300 00

ST. CLAIR DISTRICT NO. 2.

To the Most Worshipful the Grand Master, Officers and Members of the Grand Lodge of A. F. & A. M. of Canada, in the Province of Ontario:

MOST WORSHIPFUL SIR AND BRETHREN:

In submitting my report on the condition of Masonry in St. Clair District No. 2 for the year ending July, 1905, I wish at the outset to express my deep appreciation to the brethren of the district, and especially to those who were assembled in Brockville in July, 1904, for the expression of confidence in electing me to the high office of D. D. G. M. and for the many kindnesses and courtesies received. My association with the brethren in the various lodges has been one continual round of pleasure, and my only regret is that circumstances over which I had no control made it necessary for me to spend several months outside the district, and consequently placed me in a position where it was impossible to give the close attention to Masonic matters I would like to have given.

It has been my pleasure to meet with each of the lodges with the exception of Alexandra Lodge, No. 158, at least once. In every case except one the W. M. was in his chair. With very few exceptions all officers and a large attendance is recorded. In a few lodges considerable improvement can be made in the work, but in every lodge where such a condition exists the W. M. and those brethren who are closely associated with the work have a full understanding of this and are doing their best to reach a much higher standard. It does not seem necessary to point out any lodge in particular. My successor will surely find them abreast with the most successful, or faithfully laboring with that object in view, and, "Pluck wins, it always wins, though days be slow and nights be long twixt days that come and go, still pluck will win, its average is sure, he wins the prize who can the most endure." In the majority of the lodges in the district the work being done is of an exceedingly high character and reflects much credit on the P. D. D. G. M's, the W. M's,

P. M's and officers of the various lodges. The condition of Masonry generally in St. Clair District No. 2 is good, and from the earnest endeavor that is being put forth by those in charge must continue to grow even better as years go by.

DISPENSATION.

During the year I issued the following dispensation: Washington Lodge, No. 260, to appear in public clothed as Masons to attend divine worship.

THE FRATERNAL DEAD.

I regret to report that the mortality in the district has been greater perhaps than in the preceding year. The following deaths have been reported: Victoria Lodge, No. 56, Bros. Judge John A. MacKenzie, D. McMaster, Capt. J. B. Symes, J. V. Morrell and Dr. T. G. Johnston; St. John's Lodge, No. 81, Bro. John W. Simpson; Burns Lodge, No. 153, R. W. Bro. A. E. Harvey; Arkona Lodge, No. 307, Bro. Robert Dunn; Washington Lodge, No. 260, Bro. John McKee; Moore Lodge, No. 294, Bro. W. H. Watson; Leopold Lodge, No. 397, Bro. Thomas Logan; Bismarck Lodge, No. 419, Bros. W. W. Van-Horne and W. H. Millman; St. Clair Lodge, No. 425, Bros. James J. Logan and Rev. R. M. Carlyle; Tuscan Lodge, No. 437, one member, name not given.

LODGE OF INSTRUCTION.

A Lodge of Instruction was held on the afternoon and evening of Good Friday, April 21st, 1905, under the auspices of Havelock Lodge, No. 238. R. W. Bro. Judge D. F. MacWatt; the late R. W. Bro. Dr. A. E. Harvey, of Burns Lodge; R. W. Bros. John Sinclair, of Petrolea Lodge; Alex. Saunder, of Havelock and Victoria; George Sutherland, of Cassia, and Dr. Newell, of Havelock Lodge, with a very large attendance of Masters, Past Masters and brethren from sixteen lodges in the district and two outside lodges were present. W. Bro. S. Rivers, of Havelock Lodge, No. 238, and officers exemplified the first degree, and W. Bro. William Lawrie and officers of Forest Lodge exemplified the second degree in the afternoon. The work in each degree was exceptionally well rendered, and reflects great credit on each of the officers who took part in the same. The third degree was exemplified in the evening by W. Bro. William Brown, of Moore Lodge, and was given in such a manner as to bring

forth only complimentary remarks from the brethren present.

The presentation by R. W. Bros. Judge D. F. Macwatt, George Sutherland and the late R. W. Bro. Dr. A. E. Harvey, on behalf of the District, of a very beautiful D. D. G. M. regalia to each of the following P. D. D. G. M's, John Sinclair, Petrolea Lodge; George Holwell, Cassia Lodge; Dr. James Newell, Havelock Lodge, who had served as D. D. G. M's in the pioneer days, and Dr. Wilmott, of Beaver Lodge, was one of the pleasant features of the evening.

My official visit during the afternoon gave me an opportunity of witnessing the work of W. Bro. Rivers and officers at a time perhaps when it was more difficult for them to feel as much at home as they would ordinarily have done, and still they proved themselves as masters of the art.

After the close of one of the most successful Lodges of Instruction ever held in the District, Havelock Lodge entertained and banqueted the visiting brethren at Roche's Hotel. The visitors will long remember with pleasure their visit to Watford on the afternoon and evening of Good Friday, 1905.

OFFICIAL VISITS.

Victoria Lodge, No. 56, Sarnia: An increase of seventeen, forty-six degrees conferred, \$111.00 contributed to the Semi-Centennial Fund, and \$136.00 paid for relief shows something of the amount and character of the work done by Victoria Lodge during the past twelve months. My predecessors will recall the very enthusiastic way in which this, the banner lodge in the District, does its work and entertains its guests. My official visit on the evening of Tuesday, April 4th, 1905, was an exceedingly pleasant one, and was no exception to the general rule. The first degree was conferred by the W. M., W. Bro. W. A. Henderson, M. D., in a most impressive manner. His work was almost letter perfect. The W. M. is well supported by the Wardens and other junior officers. The lecture by the J. W., Bro. Thomas Montgomery, was exceptionally well rendered. The attendance at this meeting was very large. Among the many visitors present might be mentioned M. W. Bro. Neil McMillan, Past G. M. of the G. L. of Michigan, and R. W.

Bro. Judge D. F. MacWatt, both of whom referred to the work of the W. M. and officers in complimentary terms. This lodge is in excellent condition. The fourth degree was well exemplified and much appreciated.

St. John's Lodge, No. 81, Mount Brydges: I visited this lodge on the evening of April 18, 1905. The attendance was good, with several visitors from Dufferin Lodge, No. 364, present. The first degree was exemplified by W. Bro. T. McEvoy and officers in a creditable manner. The Secretary, Bro. T. C. West, is ever faithful in his duty.

Beaver Lodge, No. 83, Strathroy: My official visit to Beaver Lodge, No. 83, was made on the evening of Friday, March 24, 1905. There was an attendance of forty members. The W. M., W. Bro. H. C. Pope, was disappointed in not having a candidate present. The work of opening and closing in the three degrees proved the efficiency of the W. M. and officers. R. W. Bros. Wilmott and Whitehead, of Beaver Lodge, and Lindsay, of St. John's Lodge, were present and spoke promisingly of the future of Beaver Lodge, No. 83.

Cassia Lodge, No. 116, Thedford: I visited this lodge on the evening of Monday, April 17, 1905. The attendance was not just as good as I had hoped for. The third degree was well exemplified by the W. M., W. Bro. Dr. A. J. Grant. The work of the junior officers could be, and from the earnestness shown, will be much improved during the present year. There was a large number of brethren from Arkona Lodge present. The banquet following the work of the evening was a complete success.

Burns Lodge, No. 153, Wyoming: Accompanied by W. Bros. Fulcher, Symington and Patton I visited Burns Lodge on the evening of Thursday, April 13, 1905. The attendance of members and visitors from Washington and Petrolia lodges was very large. The work of the evening was the first degree, which was well exemplified in every particular by the W. M., W. Bro. Fisher and officers. The late R. W. Bro. Harvey took an active part in the work of the evening, and especially in assisting to entertain the visiting members present. He will be missed very much by the brethren.

Alexandra Lodge, No. 158, Oil Springs: Unable to make train connections so as to keep my appointment with Alexandra Lodge, No. 158, of Oil Springs, on the evening of February 18, 1905, I delegated R. W. Bro.

Saunders as my representative, and he, accompanied by R. W. Bro. Neil McLean, of Wyoming, visited this lodge officially on the date stated, and reports the lodge officered by a competent staff, the meetings attended by a few very enthusiastic members, but the attendance is not what it should be considering the membership of the lodge and the efficiency with which the work of the officers is discharged. For some little time past this lodge has been experiencing a period of inactivity, but it is hoped that such may have passed before the next Grand Lodge report. The Oil Springs brethren are royal entertainers, and a social hour was very agreeably passed after the close of the lodge meeting.

Petrolea Lodge, No. 194, Petrolea: My first official visit in the District was made to Petrolea Lodge on the evening of March 8, 1905. The attendance of members and visitors was good. The work of the evening was the exemplification of the second degree, in which W. Bro. C. F. Reid and officers excelled themselves. R. W. Bro. John Sinclair was present. His untiring efforts for the Craft has no doubt been especially helpful to this, his home lodge. The Semi-Centennial Fund, with this R. W. brother's assistance, will be well contributed to. The banquet at the Fletcher House at the close of the meeting was a very pleasant event. I was accompanied by W. Bro. C. O. Trusler to this meeting.

Arkona Lodge, No. 307, Arkona: Accompanied by W. Bro. William Lawrie, of Forest Lodge, I visited this lodge on the evening of April 6, 1905. While the membership is not large the attendance was exceptionally good. There was no work on, and still the opening and closing of the three degrees went to show that the W. M., W. Bro. Brander and officers were well qualified to fill their respective positions. All possible encouragement should be given to the smaller lodges.

Washington Lodge, No. 260, Petrolea: My official visit to Washington Lodge on April 5, 1905, gave me one of the most pleasant evenings spent in the District during the year. The attendance of members and visitors was exceptionally good. The third degree was beautifully exemplified by the W. M., W. Bro. John Read and officers, and following the meeting the banquet at the Iroquois Hotel was in every sense a complete success.

Forest Lodge, No. 263, Forest: I visited Forest

Lodge, No. 263, on the evening of April 12, 1905. There was a large attendance of members and visitors, including several from Doric Lodge, No. 233, Parkhill, and St. John's Lodge, No. 209a, London. The work of exemplifying the second degree by the W. M., W. Bro. William Lawrie and officers was a credit to Forest Lodge. W. Bro. Lawrie afterwards exemplified the second degree at the Lodge of Instruction. He also has the credit of having collected over \$60.00 from the brethren of Forest Lodge within a few days of this meeting for the Semi-Centennial Fund. The banquet at the Johnston House was a happy event and one that will be long remembered by all who were present.

Moore Lodge, No. 294, Courtright: I visited Moore Lodge on the evening of March 30, 1905. The roads being almost impassable interfered somewhat with the attendance, which was still fairly good. W. Bro. Brown took the chair in the absence of the W. M., W. Bro. F. K. Johnston. The lodge was opened and closed in the three degrees in a highly creditable manner. W. Bro. Brown reports 95 per cent. of the members as having contributed \$1.00 each to the Semi-Centennial Fund.

Alvinston Lodge, No. 323, Alvinston: Accompanied by W. Bro. Neil Campbell, of Dufferin Lodge, No. 364, I visited this lodge on the evening of March 23, 1905. The attendance was only fair, compared with the membership, which no doubt was largely due to the condition of the roads. The exemplification of the first degree by the W. M., W. Bro. H. F. Gilroy, went to show that the reputation of Alvinston Lodge for good work is being carefully guarded by the present W. M. and officers.

Ionic Lodge, No. 328, Napier: Accompanied by Bro. J. S. Williams I visited Ionic Lodge on the evening of April 14, 1905. The W. M., W. Bro. Richardson and officers exemplified the first degree very creditably. This lodge has had considerable up-hill work in the past few years, but is now adding some good material, is full of hope, and is entitled to congratulations all around for their splendid and successful efforts. A pleasant hour was spent with the brethren in the banqueting room at the close of the meeting.

Dufferin Lodge, No. 364, Melbourne: On March 22, 1905, I visited Dufferin Lodge. The attendance was rather small. The opening and closing of the three de-

grees, which was the only work done during the evening, went to show that W. Bro. Acton was especially anxious to do his part well. Bro. John W. Campbell, Senior Warden, is well fitted to fill the chair, and will do much to improve the present condition of Dufferin Lodge.

Huron Lodge, No. 392, Camlachie: I visited this, my home lodge, on the evening of May 24, 1905. There was a large attendance of members and visitors. The work of the evening consisted only in the opening and closing the three degrees. During the past few months it has been my pleasure to witness the exemplification of several degrees by the W. M., W. Bro. Burnley, and officers. They are well qualified to fill their respective places. The banquet at the King Edward Hotel passed off very successfully. With the presence of our Senior Warden, Fred W. Brown, who is located in Tacoma, Washington Territory, it would have been the most successful event of the season.

Leopold Lodge, No. 397, Brigden: I visited this lodge on the evening of March 29, 1905. The attendance was fairly good. The work of exemplifying the first degree by W. Bro. John W. McDonald and officers was especially praiseworthy. The banquet held at the Commercial Hotel proved the brethren of Leopold to be royal entertainers.

Bismarck Lodge, No. 419, Pt. Edward: Accompanied by some twenty brethren from Victoria and Tuscan Lodges I visited Bismarck Lodge on the evening of April 10th, 1905. The attendance was only fair, compared with the membership. This probably was largely due to the fact that a large number of the members are railroad men and find it difficult to arrange their work so as to be present at all meetings. The exemplification of the first degree by the W. M., W. Bro. C. A. Livingstone, and officers, went to show their efficiency. R. W. Bro. George, the present Secretary, takes much pride in keeping Bismarck to the front.

St. Clair Lodge, No. 425, Sombra: Accompanied by W. Bro. William Brown, of Moore Lodge, I visited this lodge on the evening of March 28, 1905. The work of the evening was the third degree, which was very ably exemplified by W. Bro. H. Roebuck. The meeting was well attended, which goes to show that the members of St. Clair Lodge are especially interested in Masonic matters.

Tuscan Lodge, No. 437, Sarnia: The splendid record of this lodge, the baby in the District, during the past year is attributed to the good work of W. Bro. William Shaw and his staff of officers. An increase of 18, 41 degrees conferred, \$50 paid for relief, and \$47 contributed to the Semi-Centennial Fund form part of the record. My official visit on the evening of Wednesday, April 19, 1905, was a very pleasant one. The attendance was very large. Among the many visitors might be mentioned R. W. Bros. Macwatt, Saunders, Weir and George. The third degree was well exemplified. The entertainment furnished in the lodge room after the labors of the evening were ended was thoroughly enjoyed by all.

During my visitations some reference was made to the ballot and the privilege and duty of members in the use of the same, I have endeavored to point out that it could seldom if ever be a privilege, well used, to bar the admission of our fellow man to the beautiful lessons taught in Masonry, and that still there might be a time when duty would compel its use for this purpose, and that when to us it would appear that time had arrived, we should endeavor to show as much charity as did those brethren who looked favorably on our admission, and practice the "Golden Rule."

On account of my absence from home during the greater part of the first several months of the year, it was next to impossible for me to act in accordance with the plans laid out by the Chairman of the General Committee in the Semi-Centennial Fund. During the latter part of my term of office I have had the pleasure of bringing this matter to the attention of the lodges in this district, many of which have subscribed very liberally. A statement of the several amounts as reported to me as having been collected, is being handed to the Grand Secretary. Special mention of some of the most successful ones has been made in the report of private lodges. In this connection I wish to say: If some of the brethren in the district have failed to rightly and thoroughly appreciate the great importance of this matter and the golden opportunity it affords them of rendering a little temporary assistance to those of the brethren who are in distress, it is surely a mistake of the head, and not of the heart, and consequently the blame should be left with myself, where it belongs. It is a pleasure to know that the district has

responded so liberally. I only regret to know that I have failed in bringing the matter home to the hearts of every member in the district.

In conclusion, I desire to express my sincere thanks to the brethren in the district for the kindly assistance that has been given me from time to time, and for the kindly and hospitable manner in which I have been received by each and every lodge.

All of which is fraternally submitted.

S. W. TRUSLER, D. D. G. M.,
St. Clair District No. 2.

GRAND LODGE OF A. F. & A. M. OF CANADA IN THE PROVINCE OF ONTARIO.
 Table showing the work done in St. Clair District, No. 2, from June 24th, 1904, to June 24th, 1905.

Number of Lodge.	NAME OF LODGE.	LOCATION.	Men- bership.		Degrees conferred			Admissions.	Restorations.	Suspensions.	Suspensions, N. P. D.	Suspensions, other causes.	Deceased.	Meet- ings held.			Average attendance of members.	Amount paid for relief	No of members 12 months in arrears.	Total of all arrears.	Date of last G. L. Return.	Financial Standing.	Prospects of Lodge.	Can W. M. work all degrees.	Insurance.		
			Total No. of all Mem.	Increase during year.	Decrease during year.	H. A.	R. C.							M. M.	Regular.	Emergency.										Total.	
86	Victoria...	Sarnia...	120	17	...	90	16	10	1	...	...	...	4	19	9	31	40	126	50	19	\$168	75	Dec. 27, '04	Good	Excellent	Yes	\$2500 00
87	St. John's...	Mt. Brydges...	65	9	3	9	7	5	...	1	1	...	1	13	5	13	30	45	00	14	95	00	June 25, '04	Good	Good	Yes	1000 00
88	Beaver...	Strathroy...	104	...	...	3	4	3	...	1	...	...	2	14	1	15	20	40	00	4	250	00	Dec. 27, '04	Good	Good	Yes	300 00
115	Caesia...	Thedford...	20	9	...	2	2	2	...	...	...	...	2	10	1	11	10	...	...	3	62	00	June 25, '04	Good	Good	Yes	1200 00
153	Burns...	Wyoming...	95	9	...	13	11	8	...	...	...	...	2	15	6	23	23	65	00	6	40	00	June 24, '04	Good	Good	Yes	10 00
154	Alexandra...	Oil Springs...	55	...	...	2	2	1	...	...	...	...	1	11	...	11	11	...	...	12	20	00	Dec. 27, '04	Good	Good	Yes	241 57
194	Petrolia...	Petrolia...	76	...	...	2	2	1	...	...	...	...	1	12	...	12	19	12	00	94	77	00	Dec. 27, '04	Good	Good	Yes	200 00
238	Havelock...	Watford...	67	...	...	2	2	1	...	...	...	...	1	12	...	12	13	25	00	3	97	00	June, 1904	Good	Good	Yes	241 55
250	Washington...	Petrolia...	92	11	5	2	5	5	...	...	...	...	1	13	4	15	25	10	00	17	41	50	June 5, '05	Good	Good	Yes	400 00
263	Forest...	Forest...	79	19	2	7	8	10	3	...	...	...	1	13	7	19	15	5	00	9	25	00	Dec. 27, '04	Good	Good	Yes	200 00
291	Moore...	Courtright...	37	7	2	7	7	7	...	...	...	...	1	13	1	13	13	5	00	4	85	00	Dec. 27, '04	Good	Fair	Yes	200 00
297	Arkona...	Arkona...	27	3	2	3	3	3	...	...	...	...	...	11	3	14	25	...	...	...	...	...	June 24, '04	Good	Good	Yes	200 00
307	Alvinston...	Alvinston...	65	3	...	7	7	7	...	...	...	...	...	11	2	13	10	...	...	...	...	...	June 24, '04	Good	Good	Yes	200 00
323	Ionlo...	Napier...	20	7	...	7	5	5	...	...	...	...	...	11	2	13	10	...	...	10	...	...	June 24, '04	Good	Good	Yes	200 00
324	Dufferin...	Melbourne...	31	5	...	4	2	1	...	...	...	...	...	11	2	13	10	...	...	...	...	...	June 24, '04	Good	Good	Yes	200 00
325	Huron...	Cambridge...	55	4	...	5	4	4	...	...	...	...	...	14	1	15	17	...	...	7	107	00	July, 1905	Good	Good	Yes	200 00
327	Leopold...	Hrieden...	50	6	10	5	4	4	1	...	...	...	...	11	2	13	16	55	50	8	95	50	Jan'y, 1905	Excellent	Excellent	Yes	200 00
419	Rimark...	Pt. Edward...	90	8	4	8	8	9	...	...	...	...	...	12	2	14	15	75	00	20	100	00	Dec. 30, '04	Fair	Good	Yes	200 00
425	St. Clair...	Sombra...	64	1	...	5	5	6	...	...	...	...	...	12	10	4	14	35	00	5	60	00	June 27, '04	Good	Good	Yes	200 00
437	T. man...	Barnia...	119	18	112	11	12	9	...	...	...	...	...	12	10	22	30	50	00	...	...	...	June 23, '04	Good	Excellent	Yes	1000 00

LONDON DISTRICT NO. 3.

To the Most Worshipful the Grand Master, Officers and Members of the Grand Lodge of A. F. & A. M. of Canada, in the Province of Ontario:

MOST WORSHIPFUL SIR AND BRETHREN :

Herewith I beg to submit my report on the condition of Masonry in London District No. 3 for the year ending June 25, 1905.

The illustrious brethren who preceded me have leveled down the rough places and have worn the road so smooth that I found it was necessary to give very little attention to the machinery but simply to keep a firm hand on the steering wheel, and the whole affair, dashed down steep ravines, rounded curves, and climbed hills that to the ordinary traveller would seem dangerous, without a jar, and at the same time gave a thrill of pride, and pleasures to the brethren generally.

The brethren who so kindly consented to my unanimous election assisted me very materially in my round of inspection to the twenty-six lodges which comprise this district. Particularly were the brethren of the London and St. Thomas city lodges kind in assisting me in every possible way.

You will note by the tabular statement annexed a healthy growth of membership, and as far as I came in contact with and can learn, it is of the right material.

During the year I issued dispensations for brethren of the following lodges to attend divine service clothed as Masons: St. David's Lodge, No. 302; Henderson Lodge, No. 388; Cameron Lodge, No. 232; St. Thomas Lodge, No. 44, and King Solomon Lodge, No. 394. Necessary fees for the same have been transmitted to the Grand Secretary.

The following deaths have been reported to me: Bros. T. J. Lawlor, Jas. Smith, S. J. Ruddicombe, H. T. Pullen, Henry Munns, and R. W. Bro. John Simpson, of King Solomon, No. 378, London. Peace to their ashes.

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Like warp and woof our destiny is woven fast,
Linked in sympathy, like the keys of an organ vast,
Pluck one thread and the web ye mar,
Break but one of the thousand keys
And the paining jar through all will run.

It is with the deepest regret I have to announce the sudden and unexpected death of one of the most energetic and zealous Craftsmen of this district in the person of R. W. Bro. A. Gordon McWhinney, Past Grand Senior Warden in 1900-01. Bro. McWhinney died July 10, 1905, at his native place, Belfast, Ireland, while on a tour in search of that greatest of all blessings—health. He was a Past Master of The Tuscan Lodge, No. 195, London, and had legions of friends among the Craft of Western Ontario, where he was widely known and highly respected as an upright man and a Mason, and had received high honors in all branches of Masonry. To me he was one

Who had lived to turn his slower feet
Toward the western setting sun,
To see his harvest all complete,
His dream fulfilled, his duty done.

SEMI-CENTENNIAL FUND.

As requested by the committee appointed by the Grand Lodge for that purpose, I appointed a sub-committee to work on the Semi-Centennial Fund, composed of R. W. Bro. E. T. Essery, chairman; R. W. Bro. P. W. D. Broderick as treasurer, and W. Bro. Buchner as secretary. I also personally pressed the matter in every lodge, and I believe the results achieved will show well for this district.

OFFICIAL VISITS.

There is an old saying that

There is so much good in the worst of us,
And so much bad in the best of us,
That it hardly behoves any of us
To talk about the rest of us.

Which always comes before me when I start to criticize the work of any lodge, and I have endeavored, not so much to criticize, as to point out in a friendly way where I thought a betterment might be made in the affairs of a lodge, with a view of obtaining as near perfection as can consistently be done.

St. Thomas Lodge, No. 44, St. Thomas: Following in the line of my predecessors, my first official visit was paid to this lodge on September 1st. This is my mother lodge, and the brethren turned out in large numbers. The third degree was exemplified by W. Bro. P. S. Minshall and officers in a correct and impressive manner. This is one of the strongest lodges in the district, and its work is kept up to a very high standard at all times. R. W. Bro. L. Slater has been Secretary for many years and looks well after the welfare of the members.

Cameron Lodge, No. 232, Dutton: On October 19, 1904 accompanied by several members from St. Thomas, I paid my official visit to this lodge. Fifty-two officers and members were present. The W. M., W. Bro. H. W. Bodman and his officers conferred the first degree on Bro. Sanders and did the work extremely well. Future prospects good. Bro. Dr. D. A. Cameron makes a splendid Secretary.

Corinthian Lodge, No. 330, London: Visited this lodge on the evening of November 1, 1904. W. Bro. Armstrong and officers exemplified the third degree in a splendid manner. The W. M. emphasizes the work about the best of any Master in the district. The books are well looked after by Bro. H. C. Simpson. The lodge is not making any great spurts in regard to growth, but the material is good and the prospects for the future excellent.

Prince of Wales Lodge, No. 171, Lawrence Station: On the evening of November 25, accompanied by fifteen brethren from this city, I paid my visit to this lodge. W. Bro. A. McDougall exemplified the third degree very nicely. Bro. D. E. Campbell, although new at the office, I have no doubt will make an efficient Secretary in time. This lodge needs careful management, but the brethren who are at the head of its affairs will, I hope, see that it is brought, and kept up, to the level that it should be.

St. George's Lodge, No. 42, London: On December 1, 1904, it being the occasion of the election of officers, and at the request of the W. M., W. Bro. N. Stephens, I paid my official visit and found the election to be conducted in a very systematic and careful manner, and I have no doubt had there been any work to do the officers would have done themselves credit. Bro. A. Ellis makes a good Secretary. Attendance, forty.

King Solomon Lodge, No. 378, London: On the evening of December 8, 1904, I visited this lodge, which has excellent quarters in the Knights Templar's Hall, and is the only London Lodge that does not meet in the Masonic Temple. It was the occasion of the election of officers, which passed off very harmoniously. W. Bro. G. A. Stilson, at my request, opened and closed the lodge in the three degrees in first-class style. A very pleasing incident occurred during the evening, when a friendship between two of the brethren which had been severed for some time was renewed in the lodge room. A number of P. D. D. G. M's were present on this occasion, also several Masters and Past Masters from St. Thomas, and a very pleasant evening was spent.

Belmont Lodge, No. 190, Belmont: On the evening of December 16, 1904, I visited this lodge, accompanied by several brethren from St. Thomas and London. There were fifty members and officers present. W. Bro. J. A. Meldrum and the officers of the lodge exemplified the first degree, and W. Bro. D. McPherson, I. P. M., conferred the second degree on one candidate, owing to the absence of the Master from the village. Bro. W. McMillan has acted as Secretary for a number of years, and his books are in good condition and the lodge is generally prosperous.

Henderson Lodge, No. 388, Ilderton: On the evening of December 19, 1904, accompanied by W. Bro. J. A. Tancock, Bro. Hunter and Rev. Bro. Tancock, I paid my official visit to this lodge. There being no work on, I asked W. Bro. W. N. Robson to open and close the lodge in three degrees, which he did. This is a weak lodge and I suggested to them, as I have done in previous cases with other lodges which I found a little weak, that an exchange of visits with one of the nearby lodges would be most beneficial to them. There don't seem to be much of a territory, however, for them to draw to, but R. W. Bro. Captain T. Robson still sticks to the ship, and I have no doubt, with the assistance of the other enthusiastic members, that this lodge can still be brought to a proper place among its sister lodges.

King Solomon Lodge, No. 394, Thamesford: W. Bro. A. Morrison, assisted by a competent set of officers, on December 21, 1904, exemplified the third degree in a splendid manner. This lodge is blessed with a number

of zealous Past Masters who aim toward perfection. W. Bros. Tancock, Hunter and Evans from London, and a number of other visitors were present, making the total attendance of twenty-five. They own very comfortable quarters and everything is prosperous.

Merrill Lodge, No. 344, Rorchester Station: I am pleased to say this lodge has taken on a new lease of life. There was a splendid turnout of members and officers on the evening of my visit, December 22, 1904. W. Bro. N. Ferguson conferred the first degree in a splendid manner. I felt my visit was simply one of inspection and not one of instruction, as they seemed to have the work well in hand. Bro. J. A. Morris, Secretary, seems to give careful attention to the records of the lodge.

Nilestown Lodge, No. 345, Nilestown: Together with seventeen brethren from the city of London, I drove to this lodge on the evening of January 17, 1905. There being no work, W. Bro. D. Fraser and officers opened and closed the lodge in the three degrees in a manner that showed they were conversant with every detail of the work. The books, I regret to say, are not as satisfactory as I would like to see them, although I have no doubt that Bro. A. W. Barrows, Secretary, will have matters soon in good working order again. There has been a dearth of candidates in this vicinity, and it is hard to keep up the enthusiasm where work is not plentiful.

Malahide Lodge, No. 140, Aylmer: Visited this lodge on the evening of January 18, 1905, accompanied by a number of brethren from St. Thomas, there being sixty members and officers present. W. Bro. Jas. Dalton, assisted by W. Bro. Wood, worked the first degree in a most correct and impressive manner. This is one of the best working lodges in the district, the members are Masons at heart, and have beautifully fitted up quarters. W. Bro. C. T. Burdick is an energetic and useful Secretary. The remembrance of a visit to this lodge is like the recollection of the scent of a sweet perfume.

LODGE OF INSTRUCTION.

Having made arrangements with the members of the London lodges, and at the request of the Grand Lodge, I decided to hold a Lodge of Instruction on January 30, 1905, which was carried out successfully, and with, I hope, good results, and while I felt that the work in this

district is done in a fairly uniform manner, I believe these Lodges of Instruction bring the Masons of the district together and cannot help but be a benefit to the Order and to the individual lodges. The program for the day was as follows: At 2 p. m. St. John's Lodge, No. 20, opened in the first degree, the Tuscan Lodge, No. 195, exemplified the first half of the first degree, and Kilwinning Lodge, No. 64, the latter half. St. Thomas Lodge, No. 44, opened and conferred the second degree; St. George's Lodge, No. 42, closed in the second and first degrees, which were exemplified in the afternoon with an attendance of eighty. In the evening Union Lodge, No. 380, opened in the three degrees and worked half of the third degree. Corinthian Lodge, No. 330, finished the work, and King Solomon Lodge, No. 378, closed. Many questions were discussed and the work criticised and commented on. Attendance 200. The whole work of the day was done in a creditable manner, and I have to thank the London brethren for their assistance in bringing this affair to such a successful issue, also for their entertainment and care of the visitors while in the city. The following Masters were in charge of the work: W. Bro. W. A. Tanner, St. George Lodge, No. 42; W. Bro. John Tambling, St. John's Lodge, No. 20; W. Bro. P. S. Minshall, St. Thomas Lodge, No. 44; W. Bro. W. W. Gammage, Kilwinning Lodge, No. 64; W. Bro. J. Mathinson, The Tuscan Lodge, No. 195; W. Bro. W. H. Line, St. John's Lodge, No. 209a; W. Bro. E. Hayden, Corinthian Lodge, No. 330; W. Bro. E. Finnigan, King Solomon Lodge, No. 378; W. Bro. B. Noble, Union Lodge, No. 380.

Union Lodge, No. 380, London: I visited this lodge on the evening of February 13, 1905, accompanied by W. Bro. Dr. A. Leitch and R. W. Bro. S. W. Trusler, D. D. G. M. of St. Clair District No. 2. W. Bro. B. Noble and officers conferred the first degree in a satisfactory manner. Books are well kept by Bro. Joseph Ward, Secretary. Condition of lodge strong, and is very liberal in giving to charity.

St. John's Lodge, No. 20, London: W. Bro. J. T. Tambling, W. M.; Colonel M. D. Dawson, Secretary. I spent a pleasant evening with the brethren of this lodge on February 14, 1905. The first degree was exemplified.

This is one of the lodges that is permitted to do the Irish work, and as far as I could judge, it was accurately done. Certainly the degree was a most impressive one. Books well looked after by the old reliable, Colonel Dawson. This is the oldest lodge in the district, and is given precedence in all lodge matters in London with the lodges which meet in the beautiful blue room of the temple.

St. Paul's Lodge, No. 107, Lambeth: This lodge has seventy members and owns its own lodge room. On the evening of February 15, 1905, although the night was extremely cold, accompanied by Bros. Tancock and Armstrong and several others, I visited this lodge and spent a most enjoyable evening. W. Bro. Jas. McGregor opened the lodge and turned the work of the third degree over to W. Bro. A. Jones who, assisted by the officers of the lodge, exemplified it in a very satisfactory way. The W. M. is somewhat at a disadvantage on account of residing in London at the present time, and I regret has never given the work. The lodge is prosperous and is blessed by several active P. M's, and I have no fear for its future welfare. Bro. H. Poole makes a capable Secretary.

St. David's Lodge, No. 302,* St. Thomas: I visited this lodge on February 16, 1905. Notwithstanding the inclemency of the weather there was a very large attendance of members and officers present. W. Bro. Dr. W. A. Burns, assisted by P. M. R. H. McConnell and efficient staff of officers, exemplified the third degree in a most satisfactory manner. Books are neatly kept by Bro. F. S. Lewis. Prospects never brighter. My one regret is, with this and some of the other lodges, that the outstanding dues are too great. I have tried to impress on the lodges throughout the district to use more care in this regard. I visit this lodge nearly every meeting night and note a very marked improvement in the work during the past decade.

Tuscan Lodge, No. 195, London: On the evening of March 6th, 1905, in company with W. Bros. Dr. Leitch and M. G. Hay, I paid an official visit to this lodge, on which occasion the first degree was exemplified in a correct manner, although perhaps not up to as high a standard as this lodge has been credited with in the past. W. Bro. Jas. Mathinson, W. M., and Bro. E. Maingault, Secretary. Books beautifully kept and lodge prosperous.

This lodge boasts some excellent material in its junior as well as higher officers.

Kilwinning Lodge, No. 64, London: Visited this lodge on the evening of the 17th of Ireland. W. Bro. W. W. Gammage and officers conferred the third degree on two candidates in a very fine manner. The books of the lodge are neatly and accurately kept by Bro. John Overell, Secretary. This is a strong lodge.

Moffatt Lodge, No. 399, Harrietsville: Paid my official visit to this lodge on the evening of March 15, 1905. There was a good turnout of members and officers present, and after W. Bro. Campbell, acting for the W. M., W. Bro. W. J. Coates, who was unavoidably absent, had exemplified the first degree, a very pleasant evening was spent among the brethren. W. Bro. Geo. Stewart, Master of Springfield Lodge, and a number of brethren from around the surrounding district were present. This lodge is in a good condition financially, and books are in fair condition. D. D. York, Secretary. Membership small.

St. Mark's Lodge, No. 94, Port Stanley: The brethren of this lodge have always accorded their visitors a very hearty welcome, and on the occasion of my visit 11th of April, when W. Bro. Taylor and his officers worked the first degree in a manner that reflected credit on the lodge, proved no exception to the rule. A number of prominent members from St. Thomas accompanied me on this occasion. I find the lodge to be in a highly prosperous condition and the books in the hands of a competent Secretary, Bro. Farr.

Doric Lodge, No. 289, Lobo: Accompanied by W. Bro. Tancock and several London brethren, I visited this Lodge on the evening of April 13, 1905. Joshua Irving, W. M., opened the lodge and received me with the usual grand honors. There being no degree work, and the W. M. not feeling well, P. M. Bro. Ferguson opened and closed the lodge in the three degrees correctly. In common with many of the lodges, I regret to say there is too much outstanding dues on their books, although the Secretary, Bro. P. L. Graham, does what he can to reduce them to a minimum. This is one of the weaker lodges, and the W. M. seems to lack confidence in the work. The brethren were not backward in asking questions on the work, which shows a keen interest.

St. John's Lodge, No. 209a, London: Visited this lodge on the evening of the 14th of April, accompanied by 138 members from St. Thomas and vicinity, which, together with the London brethren, in all to the number of 250 members, crowded the lodge room to its utmost capacity. W. Bro. Line and a splendid staff of officers exemplified the third degree in the Irish work in a most beautiful and impressive manner. This is the strongest lodge in the district, having 274 members. The attendance is good and much interest is maintained in the work. The old "war horse," R. W. Bro. J. S. Dewar, is Secretary, and keeps things humming.

Mount Olivet Lodge, No. 300, Thorndale: In company with Bro. Glass, of London, I visited this lodge on the evening of April 18, 1905. Thirty members, including R. W. Bro. R. Guest and W. Bro. J. Guest, were present. W. Bro. Dr. Hughes and officers worked the third degree in a very satisfactory manner. This is a good working lodge, and there was a large attendance on this occasion. Bro. M. N. Wright looks well to the interest of the members as secretary, and has their dues reduced to a minimum.

Middlesex Lodge, No. 379, Bryanston: R. W. Bros. R. and J. Guest, with whom I had spent the day, very kindly drove me to this lodge on the evening of April 19, 1905. The W. M., W. Bro. E. M. Roberts, assisted by a staff of officers, largely composed of his own brothers, conferred the second degree in a very complete way. The books are in fair condition. Secretary, Bro. Alex. Grant.

Delaware Valley Lodge, No. 358, Delaware: Accompanied by four St. Thomas brethren and a number of brethren from London, I paid my official visit to this lodge on the evening of May 12, 1905. A splendid turnout of members and officers present. W. Bro. R. McFee and his officers worked the third degree in a very fair manner. This is not a strong lodge, but it has several good workers. Bro. Harker, Secretary, is new at the business, but will make a careful Secretary.

Warren Lodge, No. 120, Fingal: My last visit was paid to this lodge on the evening of May 16, 1905. W. M., W. Bro. Taylor was absent from the village on that occasion. P. M. W. Bro. L. J. Else occupied the chair, and with the officers of the lodge exemplified the second

degree in a very intelligent manner. There was a large turnout of members and visitors; over twenty-five accompanied me from St. Thomas. Books are in good shape and lodge prospering generally. Bro. D. Cameron makes a competent Secretary.

It was also my pleasure to be present at the reception tendered the M. W. Grand Master by the London brethren on April 5th, 1905, which was brought to a very successful issue. A beautifully engrossed address was presented to the Grand Master, and the evening spent in social enjoyment by the members and their families, W. Bro. Metherell making a splendid director of ceremonies.

In summing up I find the lodges well quartered and an enthusiasm among them that spells success. There are, however, two of the rural lodges a little weak, and an extra effort will have to be made to put new life into them. I strongly recommended an exchange of visits with nearby sister lodges as a help, and presume this will be followed out, and if so no doubt will give good results.

During my term of office I have called the attention of a number of the lodges to several matters which I found disregarded and which for the sake of correctness and uniformity should be lived up to more strictly. I am glad to say good is resulting from this. I will place my successor in office in touch with these matters that he may follow them up so as to insure their permanency.

Everywhere I have been treated like a king, each lodge seeming to vie with each other in providing banquets and a good time generally, and in laying down the gavel of office I do so with a sigh of relief but with regret that I have not been able to spend more time among, and for the good of my brethren, for

The thread of this life would be dark, Heaven knows,
If it were not with friendship and love intertwined,
And I care not how soon I may sink to repose
When their friendships shall cease to be dear to my mind.

All of which is fraternally submitted.

HENRY ROE, D. D. G. M.,
London District No. 3.

GRAND LODGE OF CANADA.

GRAND LODGE OF A. F. & A. M. OF CANADA IN THE PROVINCE OF ONTARIO

Table Showing the work done in London District, No. 3, from June 24th, 1904, to June 24th, 1905.

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SOUTH HURON DISTRICT NO. 4.

To the Most Worshipful the Grand Master, Officers and Members of the Grand Lodge of A. F. & A. M. of Canada, in the Province of Ontario:

MOST WORSHIPFUL SIR AND BRETHREN:

The following report in connection with Freemasonry in the South Huron District No. 4 is the result of careful study on my part during the past year. Every lodge has been officially visited, and I have endeavored to impress upon the brethren the dignity and high importance of the Order, and have strongly urged them to study the principles and the symbolism of the work.

In the first place I thank those who elected me to the honorable position of D. D. G. M. Every lodge received me most loyally, and the work has been of the most pleasant kind.

Shortly after my election I appointed a committee, consisting of one member from each lodge, to look after the interests of the Semi-Centennial Benevolent Fund, but their success has not been very marked.

On December 23, 1904, I was present at a meeting of Stratford Lodge, No. 332, when W. Bro Rev. Williams was presented with a life membership on his election to the position of Bishop of Huron. V. W. Bro. N. R. Miller, Grand Supt. of Works, and M. W. Bro. Ben Allen were present and gave excellent addresses.

On December 27, 1904, I installed the officers of Tecumseh Lodge, No. 144, and on June 27, 1905, those of Stratford Lodge, No. 332.

Dispensations to attend divine service were granted to Doric Lodge, No. 233; Elma Lodge, No. 456, and Irving Lodge, No. 154.

The following deaths have been reported to me: Bros. R. B. Puddicombe, of New Dominion Lodge, No. 205; Thos. Dowson, of Clinton Lodge, No. 84; Joseph Rankin, Jas. Foot and John G. McIntyre, of Tecumseh Lodge, No. 144; A. Bennet and C. K. Vanbuskirk, of Stratford Lodge, No. 332.

The By-laws of Maitland Lodge, No. 33, were amended, and the amendments approved by the Most Worshipful the Grand Master.

I received a petition from a number of brethren living in the village of Dungannon requesting that a new lodge be established there. After due consideration the request was refused by the Grand Master.

Speaking generally, the work of the lodges was good, the true spirit of Masonry showed itself in many ways, and I hope that each lodge will continue to prosper and that the members will at all times practice out of the lodge those excellent precepts which are ever inculcated in it.

OFFICIAL VISITS.

Accompanied by R. W. Bro. Chris McLellan, I visited Wilmot Lodge, No. 318, Baden, on Friday evening, February 24, and received a hearty welcome from the brethren. W. Bro. Bechtel and his officers complain of the difficulty of becoming really expert in the work on account of the few candidates they have for initiation. They opened and closed the lodge in the several degrees and exemplified the first in a very creditable manner. This lodge has done its part for the Semi-Centennial Benevolent Fund. Past Masters Livingston, Holwell, Walker and others keep up their interest in the work and W. Bro. Butler is an excellent Secretary.

On March 3 I visited Maitland Lodge, No. 33, Goderich. The officers worked the first degree exceedingly well. W. Bro. Galt has a good voice and spoke distinctly, the Junior Warden's lecture was well given, while the invocation of the aged chaplain, Bro. Green, was very impressive. A splendid array of Past Masters adorned the east, and Maitland Lodge has just reason to feel proud of such stalwarts as R. W. Bros. Radcliffe and Beck, and W. Bros. Green, Clarke, Bell and Humber. The books of the lodge are well kept, and the lodge room is one of the best in the district. A very enjoyable banquet followed.

The brethren of St. James' Lodge, No. 73, St. Mary's, received me very heartily on March 6. W. Bro. Jackson is enthusiastic in his work and is supported by young and loyal officers. The work of opening and closing in the several degrees, and the exemplification of the first was of such a character that there was very little to criti-

cize. Every officer did well. As the majority of those present were young men, I urged all to study the symbolism of Masonry and to bear in mind how much our lives out of the lodge ought to exemplify the lessons we receive. At the banquet provided by W. Bro. Constable we had a delightful time, a special feature being the music of the Masonic quartette.

On March 13 I visited Stratford Lodge, No. 312, and was greeted most enthusiastically by a large number of the brethren. W. Bro. Burritt and his able staff of officers initiated a candidate into the mysteries of Freemasonry. As there was very little to criticize I complimented the officers on their work, pointing out, as far as I could, the excellent work of each, and then addressed those present on the duties of Masons and the meaning of our beautiful ceremonies. Among those present were R. W. Bro. Cassels and W. Bros. Mayberry and Campbell. An excellent banquet followed at which some capital speeches were made. Stratford Lodge has contributed generously to the Semi-Centennial Benevolent Fund.

March 14 I visited Tudor Lodge, No. 141, Mitchell. Bro. F. Heal was raised to the sublime degree of a Master Mason by W. Bro. Thos. Henry and his officers. The work was fairly well done. The lodge room has been repaired and is a neat pleasant place. Among those present were R. W. Bros. Elliot and White, who are enthusiastic Masons. Bro. Coppin proved himself an excellent host at the banquet which followed. The benevolent fund is not forgotten.

On March 31 there was a splendid meeting in Doric Lodge, No. 233, Parkhill. The Lodge room is very pretty, pictures, tracing boards, etc., being well arranged. The brethren generously paid the expenses of the D.D.G. M. and received him most cordially. W. Bro. Russell and his officers worked the third degree and did it well. The Past Masters encourage the officers by their regular attendance. R. W. Bro. Dawson and a number of the Lucan brethren were present. The exemplification of the fourth degree was excellent. Good speeches and music were in evidence. One of the younger brethren proved himself a Master Mason with credit to himself.

I visited Britannia Lodge, No. 170, Seaforth, on the 3rd of April. The attendance was fairly good, but on

account of rain the brethren from the country did not get in. W. Bro. Cooper and his officers exemplified the third degree. Each was nearly verbally accurate in his work, and the Deacons were good. The books of the lodge are well kept, the room is an exceedingly good one, and the brethren are enthusiastic. R. W. Bro. Reid rarely misses a meeting, and the Past Masters attend regularly. W. Bros. White, of Georgina Lodge, Toronto, and Stevenson, of Tecumseh Lodge, Stratford, were present.

April 7 I visited New Dominion Lodge, No. 205, New Hamburg. W. Bro. Kerr and his officers opened and closed in the three degrees and then gave the work of the first. These officers know their work fairly well, but do not have a sufficient number of candidates to keep them at drill. The officers are young, have good voices, and ought to do well. The Junior Warden, Bro. Holley, Jr., gave the lecture impressively. W. Bro. Holley, Sr., is still very enthusiastic in the work.

W. Bros. Campbell and Burritt accompanied me to Lucan on April 13 on my official visit to Irving Lodge, No. 154. The brethren are always kind to the visiting D. D. G. M. Wor. (Rev.) Bro. Thomas and his enthusiastic officers were delighted with the large attendance, and conferred the third degree on Bro. (Rev.) Gilmore, who was an excellent candidate. With a few substitutes the work was good. The members of Irving Lodge are to be congratulated on their new and commodious lodge room, new furniture, and tastefully arranged pictures. On behalf of the brethren I had the pleasure of presenting W. Bros. Fox and Orme with Past Master's jewels. The east was well filled with P. M's. There is no danger to be feared when a lodge is counselled by such stalwarts in Masonry as W. Bros. Fox, Mundy, Hodgins and Orme. The banquet which closed the work of the evening was one that I shall not soon forget, being excellent in every particular.

On April 20 a large number of the brethren from Maitland Lodge went with me to visit Morning Star Lodge, No. 309, Smith's Hill, where W. Bro. Tigert and the officers exemplified the second degree. The work was fairly well done, the junior officers doing the better work. Morning Star is famous for its entertainments, and the banquet to which I was treated was no exception. Ex-

cellent addresses were made, and it is exceedingly gratifying to note the brotherly feeling that exists between the lodges of Goderich and Morning Star. I have to thank the brethren of Maitland Lodge for their extreme kindness to me.

In Clinton on April 21 W. Bro. Spalding and his officers initiated a candidate into the mysteries of our Order in a fairly creditable manner. The brethren of Clinton Lodge, No. 84, are noted for their hospitality, and I was the recipient of great kindness at their hands. This lodge has a number of Past Masters who are deeply interested in the affairs of the lodge, among whom are R. W. Bro. Shaw, Bros. Holloway, Johnson, Paisley, Hunter, Hoover, Fair, McLean and Evans.

Visited Zurich Lodge, No. 224, Hensall, on April 27, and found W. Bro. Sellery ready with the second degree. The work was very well done, all the officers doing their work impressively. The lecture on the tracing board by Bro. McKay was exceptionally good. Many Past Masters were present, brethren having driven over from Clinton and Seaforth. Among those present were R. W. Bros. Reid and McKay, W. Bros. Cooper, Cooke, Buchanan, Davis, McEwan, Ellis, Dr. Campbell and Scrutum, who made excellent speeches at the banquet which followed the work of the lodge.

On April 28 I visited Lebanon Forest Lodge, No. 133, Exeter, and was simply delighted with my visit. Brethren from neighboring lodges were present, and a fine spirit manifested itself in the evening's work. The second degree was exemplified in a masterly manner; every officer did his work well. The lecture on the tracing board by the Senior Warden was well given, and I was so pleased with the Junior Warden's work that I asked him to give the lecture on the tracing board in the first degree, which he did to my entire satisfaction. The east was filled with enthusiastic Past Masters, all anxious to advance the interests of Freemasonry in the true sense, and the outlook is exceedingly bright for Lebanon Forest Lodge. The banquet was very pleasant, excellent addresses being given by W. Bros. Dickson, Davis, Amos, V. W. Bro. Stewart and many others. W. Bro. Hueston is justly proud of being the chief officer of this lodge.

R. W. Bro. Elliot, V. W. Bro. Shafer and seven others from Tudor Lodge went with me to Monkton on May 12,

when I paid my official visit to Elma Lodge, No. 456. This is our youngest lodge, but the surroundings are excellent and its prospects bright. The lodge was opened and closed in the several degrees, and the first was exemplified by W. Bro. Terry and his officers. Their work was fairly well done, but they will do better as they are anxious to excel. R. W. Bro. Elliot, of Tudor Lodge, has been a great help to Elma Lodge, and good counsel is always given by W. Bros. Chalmers and Merryfield. Several good addresses were given by members present. Elma Lodge has done well for the Semi-Centennial Benevolent Fund. To the brethren of Tudor Lodge my thanks are due for their kindness on this occasion.

I was disappointed on May 23 with the attendance at Blyth Lodge, No. 303. The officers of every lodge should be encouraged by the brethren. The second degree was exemplified. W. Bro. Watson did well, but the Wardens were not prepared with the lectures. These officers live in the country, and it is not easy for them to get together for drill. R. W. Bro. Reid and W. Bro. Cooper, of Seaforth, and W. Bro. Spotton, of Listowel, were present. I would like to see a little more enthusiasm among the brethren of Blyth Lodge.

My last official visit was paid to my mother lodge, Tecumseh, No. 144, Stratford, where brethren representing 23 lodges greeted me on Friday evening, May 26. W. Bro. Campbell and his excellent staff of officers conferred the third degree on an exceedingly well prepared candidate, to the surprise of many and to the delight of all. A pleasing feature was the examination of two of the younger brethren in the work of a Master Mason. They answered all the questions and gave the obligation and the working tools. Tecumseh Lodge is noted for the interest which its Past Masters take in its affairs, and to R. W. Bros. Reid and Elliot was given the pleasant task of presenting eleven of the P. M's with the jewel of a Past Master. At this meeting there were about 30 Masters and Past Masters present, as well as five P. D. D. G. M's. At the request of the brethren I gave an address on the symbolism of the third degree, and was most cordially thanked by those present. The banquet was a brilliant affair. Good music had been provided, and the speeches of R. W. Bros. Elliot, Reid, Mooney, W. Bros. Burritt, Cooper, Mayberry and Orme, with those of Bros.

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Wren and Abrey were of more than ordinary merit. All were on a high plane and had the true Masonic spirit.

In conclusion I must congratulate the brethren of this district on the harmony that exists in the different lodges, on the elevated tone that prevailed at the banquets, and on the anxiety of the brethren for instruction in the symbolic character of Masonry. My aim has been to improve the condition of our noble Order, and if I have been the means of stimulating the brethren to greater interest in the work, and of showing to the world that they are trying to be ideal Masons, my work has not been in vain.

GEORGE MALCOLM, D. D. G. M.,
South Huron District No. 4.

GRAND LODGE OF CANADA.

GRAND LODGE OF A. F. & A. M. OF CANADA IN THE PROVINCE OF ONTARIO.
Table showing the work done in South Huron District, No. 4, from June 24th, 1904, to June 24th, 1905.

Number of Lodge.	Name of Lodge.	Location	Total No of all Mem	Increase during year	Mem bership conf'd	Mem bership	Increase during year.	7 A	7 G	7 M	Affiliations	Resignations	Restorations	Dispositions, N P D.	Suspensions, other causes.	Deceased	Regular	Emergent	Total	Average attendance of members	Amount paid for relief	No. of members 12 months in arrears.	Total of all Arrearages.	Date of last G. L. Return.	Financial Standing.	Prospects of Lodge.	Can W. M. work all degrees.	Insurance.
83	Maitland	Goderich	119	0	13	6	2	5	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	70 00	4	918 76	June, 1904	Good	Excellent	Yes	\$1000 00
75	St James'	St Mary's	81	4	1	6	4	5	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	90 50	23	63 00	June, 1904	Good	Good	Yes	600 00
84	Clinton	Clinton	66	3	1	3	3	3	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	90 00	9	92 08	Dec., 1904	Good	Bright	Yes	450 00
133	Leb Forest	Frederic	83	3	3	3	4	4	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	50 75	8	50 75	Jan, 90	Good	Bright	Yes	300 00
141	Tudor	Mitchell	63	3	4	4	4	4	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	10 00	49	95 00	Dec 27, '04	Good	Excellent	Yes	750 00
144	Tecumseh	Stratford,	145	8	13	10	10	10	4	4	4	4	4	4	4	4	4	4	4	4	10 00	8	95 86	Jan, 90	Good	Good	Yes	400 00
154	Irving	Lucan	73	1	5	5	7	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	...	4	30 00	Dec, 27, '04	Fair	Good	Yes	300 00
170	Britannia	Seaforth	91	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	...	3	13 00	June, 1894	Good	Good	Yes	None
205	New Dominion	New Hamburg	40	5	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	20 00	7	40 00	Jan 30, '05	Fair	V'y Good	Yes	300 00
224	Zurich	Hensall	74	6	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	...	10	63 00	June 24, '04	Good	Good	Yes	300 00
233	Doric	Parkhill	55	5	2	4	5	4	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	...	10	65 50	Dec, 1904	V'y Good	V'y Bright	Yes	1000 00
238	Blyth	Blyth	56	2	3	2	3	3	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	10 00	15	90 00	June, 1904	Good	Fair	Yes	400 00
300	Morn'gStar	Smith's Hill	53	2	1	2	2	2	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	75 00	...	90 00	June, 1904	Good	Good	Yes	2000 00
318	Wilnot	Baden	97	12	10	10	10	10	7	7	7	7	7	7	7	7	7	7	7	7	...	...	90 00	Dec 24, '04	Good	Good	No	150 00
322	Stratford	Stratford	178	12	10	10	10	10	7	7	7	7	7	7	7	7	7	7	7	7	...	...	90 00	Dec 24, '04	Good	Good	No	150 00
406	Elms	Monkton	39	2	1	2	2	2	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	...	...	90 00	Dec 24, '04	Good	Good	No	150 00

NORTH HURON DISTRICT NO. 5.

To the Most Worshipful the Grand Master, Officers and Members of the Grand Lodge of A. F. & A. M. of Canada, in the Province of Ontario:

MOST WORSHIPFUL SIR AND BRETHREN :

In presenting my report of the condition of Masonry in North Huron District No. 5 I desire in the first place to express my sincere thanks to my brethren for electing me to the honorable position of District Deputy Grand Master. I have visited every lodge in the district, and desire to acknowledge the uniform kindness and hospitality extended to me by all the officers and members during my term of office. I am pleased to be able to report that the condition of Masonry in this district is exceedingly prosperous. Early in the year I appointed a District Committee to look after the Semi-Centennial Benevolent Fund. This committee consisted of one brother from each of the lodges in the district, and I got some very encouraging reports from some of the members of the committee, but I am sorry to say that the subscriptions have not come up to my expectations, although some of the lodges have contributed the full amount asked of them.

In my official visits I repeatedly urged upon the Masters, officers and members the aims and objects of the Semi-Centennial Benevolent Fund. My efforts, I believe, will be well rewarded, and I do not think that North Huron District No. 5 will be outdone by any district under the jurisdiction of the Grand Lodge of Canada.

I received but very few reports of deaths of members of the Craft. The first report was from Saugeen Lodge, No. 197, Walkerton, informing me of the death of Bro. H. B. McKay. Northern Light Lodge No. 93 lost one of its oldest Past Masters in the person of W. Bro. Jas. McK. Stewart, at whose funeral I assisted the Worshipful Master. Bruce Lodge, No. 341, Tiverton, mourns the loss of a faithful brother in the person of William Mathewson, at whose funeral I was present. Other

deaths have occurred in the district, but the secretaries have neglected to send me notice.

During the year I attended the laying of two corner stones in this district. In the 29th July, 1904, the M. W. the Grand Master called a Grand Lodge meeting for the purpose of laying the corner stone of the new Presbyterian Church at the village of Hanover, at which meeting I attended. Through the Secretary of Old Light Lodge, Lucknow, the trustees of the Episcopal Church, Kinlough, invited the Grand Master to lay the corner stone of their new church. I endorsed the request and forwarded it to the Grand Secretary. The Grand Master granted the appeal and appointed the 18th of August, 1904, as the date for the ceremony. The Grand Master requested M. W. Bro. Hugh Murray to act as Grand Master. There was a good attendance of the brethren from the surrounding lodges, who assisted in this very successful ceremony.

I am pleased to report that in nearly all the lodges the Past Masters take an active part in the work. In some of the lodges that I visited there has been as many as nine and ten Past Masters present. I noticed that in a few of the lodges that the charges in the Constitution are still read to the candidates, and I asked the W. Masters of such lodges if they were unable to get the charges up themselves to get some of the Past Masters to render the work.

The class of candidates that I have seen initiated, passed and raised in the different lodges are of the best material, and will be a credit to the lodges that had the honor of adding them to their ranks. The opening in some of the lodges was delayed rather late, half an hour or more. I would impress upon the officers promptness in opening, and I think that officers having accepted the position to which they were elected or appointed should feel it a duty that they owe the lodge to be prompt and regular in attendance at all lodge meetings. I was delighted with the thorough manner in which candidates were posted in the inferior degrees before being advanced. I advised an interchange of visits between the different lodges, which I think would be beneficial, and I am pleased to state that in some instances such is being done. I am pleased with the prompt manner in which the lodges responded to my appeal for funds to buy the

regalia for the incoming D. D. G. M., which funds I remitted to the secretary of the Regalia Committee. I must thank the committee for their promptness in procuring the regalia, as they informed me that they have it now in their possession. This regalia will be presented to the newly elected D. D. G. M. on his installation at our next annual district meeting.

The membership of this district is increasing rapidly, but very few unworthy candidates are admitted, as the applications are submitted to committees that make a thorough examination into the character and standing before reporting favorably.

Before concluding I wish to again thank the brethren throughout the district for the many acts of kindness I have received on my official visits.

Northern Light Lodge, No. 93, Kincardine: This being my mother lodge I have attended all the meetings held during the year, but owing to the serious illness of the Worshipful Master during the last few months, when I intended visiting, I did not visit it officially as he had asked me to assist in the work, and being Immediate Past Master it was my duty to conform to his wishes. I am pleased to state that the W. M. has recovered, and from this out will be able to fill the honorable position which he has so creditably filled in the past to the satisfaction of all the brethren. The Worshipful Master and officers of this lodge have kept the work up to the high standard which it has held in the past, and I can safely say that the work is not surpassed by any lodge in the district. Northern Light was one of the first lodges to contribute the full amount asked of them the first year towards the Semi-Centennial Benevolent Fund and have contributed their second instalment and will be ready to forward the third and last as soon as it is due. This lodge is well known for its many kind acts of charity. At the annual election of officers it has been the custom to entertain the M. W. the Grand Master, and at the last December meeting I had the pleasure of assisting the W. M., officers and brethren in entertaining M. W. Bro. Benjamin Allen, who was accompanied on this occasion by R. W. Bro. McWhinney, of London. The Secretary's and Treasurer's books are kept respectively by Bro. R. D. Hall and V. W. Bro. E. Fox, and are a credit to the officials who have charge of them. It is always a pleasure

for the brethren of Northern Light to entertain visitors and the social part of Masonry is not neglected, and many enjoyable and profitable evenings are spent around the festive board. I have to thank the W. M., W. Bro. W. J. Bruce, V. W. Bro. E. Miller, officers, officers and members of this lodge for accompanying me on several visits to the neighboring lodges.

St. Lawrence Lodge, No. 131, Southampton: On the evening of November 22, 1904, I made my official visit to this lodge, accompanied by V. W. Bro. E. Miller. There was a fairly good attendance of members. This being a lake port, a great many members of the lodge are sailors, and I was informed that the attendance in the winter time was much greater than at this season of the year. This was the night for the election of officers. The election was conducted with the greatest harmony prevailing, and I believe that St. Lawrence Lodge will have a painstaking and energetic staff of officers for the ensuing year. The second degree was exemplified for my inspection by the W. M., W. Bro. D. Ross, in a very satisfactory manner, assisted by a good staff of officers. The S. W.'s lecture on the tracing board was well rendered by Bro. K. Montgomery. The Secretary's books are well kept and the dues are promptly paid. This lodge has received some benefits for a worthy brother from the grants from Grand Lodge for charitable purposes, and intend contributing their share towards the Semi-Centennial Benevolent Fund. The fourth degree was worked in the basement, where the brethren have all the conveniences for putting it on in first-class style. The usual toasts were proposed and responded to, which proved not the least interesting of a very pleasant evening.

Forest Lodge, No. 162, Wroxeter: I spent a most enjoyable evening on my visit to Forest Lodge, No. 162, on Monday, December 19, 1904. There was a good attendance of members, and I was very kindly received by W. Bro. Geo. Allan, W. M., and his officers. They conferred the second degree to my entire satisfaction. The Senior Warden, Bro. R. H. Harris, performed his duties satisfactorily. He gave the lecture on the tracing board in a very effectual manner. The Deacons and Stewards are efficient officers, and I was more than pleased with their word. The third degree was conferred on a candidate by W. Bro. Thos. Brown, P. M., who did his work

exceedingly well. He has a fine delivery and makes a good impression on a candidate. I had the pleasure of assisting W. Bro. Brown in conferring this degree. I was pleased to have with me on this occasion R. W. Bro. A. C. Hutcheson, of Wordwich Lodge, P. D. D. G. M. The Secretary's books are well kept and neat and clean. After the lodge was closed an adjournment was made to the Gofton House, where the brethren were well entertained, and thus ended another of the happy evenings of my official work in this district.

Old Light Lodge, No. 184, Lucknow: Was visited on the 16th March, 1905. W. Bro. D. Lawrence, W. M. of the Lodge, with his efficient staff of officers, and assisted by W. Bro. J. Lyons, conferred three initiations in a very commendable manner. The W. M. and his officers are thoroughly up in their work. The lecture in the first degree was delivered by W. Bro. Davidson, and was very well rendered. The lodge is in a flourishing condition. The building is owned by the lodge and the lodge rooms are well furnished and comfortable. The dues are well paid up and the books are neatly kept. This lodge has had a large increase in membership for the year.

Saugeen Lodge, No. 197, Walkerton: On Tuesday the 8th November, 1904, I made my official visit to this lodge, accompanied by W. Bro. W. J. Bruce, of Northern Light Lodge, No. 93; W. Bro. J. G. Walker, Bruce Lodge, No. 341, Tiverton, and Bro. Wm. Mitchell, of Unity Lodge, No. 376, Huntsville. There was a good attendance of members and a great many visiting brethren present. The first degree was conferred on Mr. George W. Spence by the W. M., W. Bro. Grainger. The degree was very well worked by all the officers. The lodge was then opened in the second degree, when Bros. McArthur and McBurney were examined as to their proficiency, and were found well skilled and were directed to retire. The lodge was then opened in the third degree, R. W. Bro. J. H. Scott, of Northern Light Lodge, No. 93, and who is now a resident of Walkerton, occupying the east. He was assisted by R. W. Bro. Harris in conferring the third degree on Bros. McArthur and McBurney, which was done in a manner deserving of great praise. I was pleased to see so many Past Masters present, there being nine, all members of Saugeen Lodge. The books of this lodge are well kept. At the close the

brethren repaired to the Central Hotel, where an excellent supper was prepared and a pleasant hour spent in speeches and song.

Bernard Lodge, No. 225, Listowel: Bernard Lodge was visited March 17, 1905. I was very cordially received and welcomed by the officers and members, amongst whom were R. W. Bro. D. D. Campbell, W. Bros. W. H. Irving, J. J. Foster and B. F. Brook. The second degree was conferred on Bro. T. W. Jackson by W. Bro. W. H. Irving and his officers in a perfect manner. The books of this lodge are kept in splendid order by the Secretary, W. Bro. J. J. Foster. Some of the brethren have got rather far in arrears, but I think in the near future they will be all squared up. The lodge room and property are well looked after, and the future outlook of this lodge is of the very best. By request of the W. M. and officers, I had the honor on behalf of the lodge to present to R. W. Bro. Campbell, a beautifully engrossed life membership certificate in recognition of his long and faithful service to this lodge. I also had the pleasure to present to W. Bros. B. F. Brooks, J. J. Foster, H. B. Morphy and F. Rogers, four Past Masters' jewels. These brethren have been excellent workers, and their services have been highly appreciated by their brethren and especially deserving of notice and commendation. At the close of the meeting a very pleasant and sociable time was spent at luncheon.

Aldworth Lodge, No. 235, Paisley: I visited this lodge on October 1, 1904. The lodge was opened in the three degrees by W. Bro. H. B. Putnam, W. M. I was introduced by W. Bro. P. McLaren, P. M., and was duly received with grand honors. The first degree was conferred on Mr. David McBeath in a first-class manner. The W. M. was assisted by W. Bro. W. R. Barnett, P. M., and I must congratulate the W. Bro. for the impressive manner in which he delivered his part of the work. The Junior Warden gave the lecture on the tracing board in a way that showed he had taken great care in preparing it. The charge was delivered to the candidate by W. Bro. Putnam, and I must compliment him highly on his proficiency. This lodge, which was at a standstill for a number of years, has had a revival, and initiated 15 new members last year. They have also moved into a new lodge room, and have it all newly furnished. They have

a bright future before them. The average attendance is very good, and the P. M's take quite an interest in the work. The P. M's present on this occasion were W. Bros. P. McLaren, W. R. Barnett, S. M. Hutcheson, F. E. Shepherd and C. Morrison. The officers being newly installed were naturally a little nervous, but with practice they will soon be one of the banner lodges of the district. The door could have been better tyled, but I think this will be remedied in future. The Secretary and Treasurer are newly installed officers and seem to understand their duties. The brethren had not taken any interest in the Semi-Centennial Benevolent Fund, but after explaining the matter to them they thought it a good idea, and I am sure an effort will be made to collect an amount that the members of Aldworth Lodge will be proud of. I was pleased to again have the company of V. W. Bro. E. Miller, W. Bro. W. J. Bruce and Bro. W. Hay, of Northern Light Lodge, No. 93, Kincardine. At the close of the meeting an adjournment was made to the Hannah House, where an excellent supper was prepared and a very pleasant evening spent.

Teeswater Lodge, No. 276, Teeswater: My visit here was made on Friday evening, November 25, 1904. I again had the pleasure of V. W. Bro. E. Miller's company on this trip. As he is considered one of the best posted Masons in the district, it was always a pleasure to have him accompany me. I found that although Teeswater Lodge is the smallest lodge in the district as regards numbers, that they can do the work as well as I have seen it done in some of the larger lodges. The work of the evening was a second degree, which was conferred on the candidate, Bro. Thos. Copland, by W. Bro. S. R. Brill, the W. M., and was well done. The lodge was opened and closed at my request in the three degrees in a satisfactory manner. The Secretary, Bro. John Farquharson, keeps his books in splendid condition. The W. Master informed me that every brother living within the jurisdiction of Teeswater Lodge has subscribed the sum of \$1.00 for three years, to be applied to the Semi-Centennial Benevolent Fund. A number of the brethren from Old Light Lodge, Lucknow, paid a fraternal visit. At the close of the meeting the brethren were entertained at the King Edward Hotel, where a most enjoyable hour was spent.

St. John's Lodge, No. 184, Brussels: My official visit to this lodge was very pleasant. I was introduced by W. Bro. J. H. Cameron and well received. The work in the second degree was well done by W. Bro. M. Black, assisted by W. Bro. S. Wilton. The lecture on the tracing board was given by the Senior Warden in a very impressive manner, and the charge by the W. M. could not be improved on. The Senior Deacon also had his work up well. I was pleased to see such a good attendance of Past Masters, there being nine present, and they were all willing to assist in the work. The Secretary's books are neatly kept and the dues are collected promptly. After the lodge adjourned the brethren were invited to a magnificent banquet at the American Hotel, after which a few speeches brought to a close a very enjoyable and profitable evening.

Wingham Lodge, No. 286, Wingham: On the occasion of my visit to this lodge the attendance was not very large. The brethren have a very nice lodge room, well furnished and comfortable. The third degree was conferred on two candidates by the W. M. and his officers, assisted by R. W. Bro. Morton and W. Bro. Tamblyn, and was well exemplified. The opening and closing of the lodge in the three degrees was correctly done. The Secretary's books are neatly and correctly kept and the dues well paid up. This lodge is contributing its share towards the Semi-Centennial Benevolent Fund, and in doing so shows that the teachings of Masonry are not forgotten by the brethren. At the close an adjournment was made to the dining hall, where a nice supper was prepared and partaken of by the brethren.

Fordwich Lodge, No. 331, Fordwich: I had a very enjoyable visit here on the evening of January 19, 1905. There was a good attendance of members and visitors, and I was very kindly received and warmly welcomed. This being the home of R. W. Bro. Hutcheson, I looked forward to seeing a good lodge and seeing the work correctly done, and I was not disappointed. The work for the evening was one initiation, one passing and one raising. The initiation was conducted by the W. M., W. Bro. W. B. Young and his officers in a very creditable manner. The Junior Warden's lecture in this degree was well given and the Junior Deacon's work correctly done. The second degree was conferred on a very in-

telligent and well prepared candidate by W. Bro. Thos. Littlejohn, in a very impressive style. The Senior Warden delivered the lecture in this degree very satisfactorily. I had the pleasure of witnessing the third degree conferred by W. Bro. Thos. Brown and officers of Wroxeter, who drove over accompanied by several more brethren of Forest Lodge. The work in this degree was exceedingly well done. The Secretary's books are kept by R. W. Bro. A. C. Hutcheson, and are neatly and correctly done, and the dues are well paid up. Fordwich Lodge shows the good effect of frequent interchange of visits by the brethren of neighboring lodges.

Bruce Lodge, No. 341, Tiverton: I visited Bruce Lodge, No. 341, Tiverton, on January 17, 1905, accompanied by V. W. Bros. E. Miller, J. A. McPherson, W. Bro. W. J. Bruce and several other brethren of Northern Light Lodge, whose cheerful company was very much enjoyed, as it is a long drive and the roads were not in the best condition owing to a severe snow storm the day before, but the warm welcome we received and the loyal manner in which we were entertained amply repaid us for our drive. This will be long remembered as one of the most pleasant evenings I had the pleasure of spending in any lodge room. The work was the initiation of one candidate, which was performed by W. Bro. J. G. Walker and his officers in a very satisfactory manner. I had the honor of installing the officers of this lodge for the ensuing year, assisted by V. W. Bro. E. Miller and W. Bro. W. J. Bruce, of Northern Light Lodge, whose familiarity with the work enable them to render any assistance which they may be called upon to perform. I must congratulate the lodge on the selection of their officers, and I look forward to this being one of the banner lodges in this district. The Secretary's books are neatly kept and show very few brethren in arrears. The newly installed Secretary, W. Bro. J. M. Bowie, is deserving of a great deal of credit for the splendid showing made by this lodge. This lodge own their own hall and have lately had it repaired and fitted up, making it one of the nicest lodge rooms in the district. After labor the brethren adjourned to Bro. Brick's, where an excellent supper was provided, and the fourth degree was enjoyed by all present, followed by speeches and singing, which brought to a close a most enjoyable evening.

Maple Leaf Lodge, No. 362, Tara: I made my visit here at the regular meeting on April 17, 1905. The W. M., W. Bro. Peter F. Monroe, exemplified the third degree in a thoroughly satisfactory manner. He was assisted by W. Bro. Jas. A. McDonald, one of the most active P. M's. There was a good attendance of members, all the officers were well up in their work. The Secretary's books were well and carefully kept, and the lodge is in a prosperous condition. This lodge has not taken an active part in contributing towards the Semi-Centennial Benevolent Fund, but after explaining the matter to them I think that they will see their way clear towards doing their share. The brethren show a true Masonic spirit in acts of kindness towards members of their own lodge, and as examples of practical Masonry it does a D. D. G. M. good to hear about. This lodge, judging from the work and the enthusiasm of its members, has a bright future before it. I was pleased to meet on this occasion W. Bro. Chas. Start, whom I had known for a number of years and who helped to make my visit a pleasant one.

Forest Lodge, No. 393, Chesley: I visited this lodge at the regular meeting on the evening of February 7, and was well pleased with my reception by the brethren. There was not a very large attendance, but I was pleased to see a number of Past Masters present. The second degree was exemplified by the W. Master, assisted by W. Bro. Smellie, and was very well done. The Secretary's books are neatly kept and the dues are well paid up. The lodge room is comfortably furnished and the prospects of this lodge are good. After labor an excellent supper was provided.

Cedar Lodge, No. 396, Wiarton: The reception extended to me by the brethren of Cedar Lodge, No. 396, Wiarton, on April 19, 1905, will long be remembered. Some of the pleasures of this meeting were attributed to the presence of R. W. Bros. W. J. Ferguson, Jas. Wamsley, and W. Bro. Cameron, and the attention and kindness shown me by these brethren will never be forgotten. W. Bro. R. A. Watt, W. M., and his officers conferred the second degree, which commanded my hearty approval. The candidate was one of the best prepared candidates it has been my pleasure to hear. This lodge leads in membership in this district, and has one of the most comfortable and up-to-date lodge rooms. The books are

looked after by Bro. W. N. Newman, Secretary, and Bro. N. N. Moore, Treasurer, who are careful and capable men. The lodge is doing its share towards making the Semi-Centennial Benevolent Fund a success. The best of harmony seems to prevail, and the prospects of Cedar Lodge are bright. At the close of the lodge I was entertained at a magnificent banquet in their splendid banquet rooms, where the evening was spent very pleasantly. Many excellent speeches were made and a most profitable and enjoyable evening was brought to a close.

Port Elgin Lodge, No. 429, Port Elgin: I visited this Lodge on December 19, 1904, accompanied by V. W. Bro. E. Miller, Bros. J. B. Watson and Harry Hurdon, of Northern Light Lodge. The W. M., W. Bro. John Duff, was in the east. The lodge was opened and closed in the three degrees, which was fairly done. The third degree was exemplified. The work was only fairly well done, the officers not being as well up as they should be. The officers are quite capable of putting on better work by giving proper attention to it. The meetings of this lodge have not been well attended the past year. The lodge room is neat and well furnished, and the Secretary's books are well kept. The election of officers was held at this meeting, and I look forward to seeing some improvement in the working of this lodge under a new staff of officers.

Moravian Lodge, No. 431, Eden Grove: Accompanied by V. W. Bro. E. Miller, W. Bro. W. J. Bruce and Bro. Wm. Hay, of Northern Light Lodge, No. 93, Kincardine, I paid my official visit to this lodge on October 20, 1904. The weather being delightful, a great many members of the neighboring lodges attended. R. W. Bro. Henry Clark, P. D. D. G. M.; W. Bro. John Granger, W. M. of Saugeen Lodge, No. 197, Walkerton, and W. Bro. H. B. Putnam, of Aldworth Lodge No. 235, Paisley, paid fraternal visits, accompanied in each case by members from their respective lodges. W. Bro. Thos. Chittick, W. M., occupied the east and opened the lodge in the three degrees. W. Bro. Geo. Sirrs assisted in the conferring of the third degree on Bro. Patrick Hynes, who deserved great credit for the careful preparation of the work on the preceding degrees. The third degree was creditably exemplified, as well as the opening and closing in the three degrees. My remarks on the necessity of the lodge doing its share towards the Semi-Centen-

nial Benevolent Fund were well received, and I think the matter will be taken up in earnest and its proper proportion will be subscribed by Moravian Lodge. After the lodge was closed the brethren were invited to a magnificent banquet, which was held at the hotel just across the street from the lodge rooms. The evening was one long to be remembered by the brethren who had the pleasure of attending.

Hanover Lodge, No. 432, Hanover: My visit to this lodge on the evening of February 6, 1905, was a very pleasant one, the W. Master having called an emergent meeting for my convenience. There being no work on, the W. Master, W. Bro. M. S. Armstrong and his officers exemplified the first degree in a very satisfactory manner. The Junior Warden, Bro. Chas. Kuehner, who was newly installed, deserves great credit for the manner in which he delivered the Junior Warden's lecture. The lodge room is very comfortable and well furnished. The Secretary's books are neatly kept and the future of Hanover Lodge should be good.

Burns Lodge, No. 436, Hepworth: I visited this lodge at an emergent meeting on April 19, 1905. The lodge is well furnished and very comfortable. Owing to it being a very disagreeable night there was a small attendance of members. The candidate who was to be passed to the second degree was unable to be present owing to another engagement, but the W. M., W. Bro. Robt. E. Reid, assisted by his officers, exemplified the second degree in a very creditable manner. The Senior Warden, Bro. Alex. Reid, delivered the Senior Warden's lecture very perfectly. The Secretary's books are beautifully kept. Past Masters W. Bro. Frank Campbell and W. Bro. J. E. Campbell were present and assisted in the work, and deserve great praise for the manner in which this lodge has got along in the past.

Fraternally submitted.

M. J. MACPHERSON, D.D.G.M.,
North Huron District No. 5.

GRAND LODGE OF A. F. & A. M. OF CANADA IN THE PROVINCE OF ONTARIO.

Table Showing the work done in North Huron District, No. 5 from June 21st, 1904, to June 24th, 1905.

Number of Lodge.	Name of Lodge.	Location.	Membership		Total No. of all Mem.	Increase during year.		Decrease during year.		Degree's Cont'd		Affiliations.	Restorations.	Resignations.	Suspensions, N. P. D.	Suspensions, other causes.	Deceased.	Meetings held.			Average attendance of members.	Amount paid for relief.	No. of members 12 months in arrears.	Total of all averages.	Date of last C. L. Return.	Financial Standing.	Prospects of Lodge.	Can W. M. work all degrees.	Insurance.
			Mem. bership	Inc.		Dec.	E. A.	F. C.	M. M.	Regular.	Emergency.							Total.											
131	North'n L. t.	Kincardine...	66	10	10	6	6	6	6	6	6	6	6	6	6	6	6	14	7	21	23	\$18 50	1	\$46 00	June, 1905	Excellent	Good	Yes	\$200 00
132	St. Lawrence	Southampton.	78	8	1	8	8	8	8	8	8	8	8	8	8	8	8	12	5	17	26	10 00	...	...	July, 1904	Good	Good	Yes	\$700 00
133	Forest	Wroxeter...	57	3	9	3	3	3	3	3	3	3	3	3	3	3	3	12	1	13	12	5 00	...	...	Feb. 15, '05	Good	Fair	No	400 00
134	Old Light	Lucknow...	98	6	7	6	6	6	6	6	6	6	6	6	6	6	6	12	5	19	25	5 00	...	...	Dec. 28, '04	Good	Excellent	Yes	500 00
137	Saugeen	Walkerton...	63	10	7	7	7	7	7	7	7	7	7	7	7	7	7	13	1	14	20	...	...	Dec. 27, '04	Good	Good	Yes	500 00	
225	Bernard	Listowel...	92	6	1	6	6	6	6	6	6	6	6	6	6	6	6	13	1	14	20	15 00	...	...	Dec. 27, '04	Fair	Good	Yes	750 00
275	Aldworth.	Paisley...	59	3	2	3	3	3	3	3	3	3	3	3	3	3	3	11	1	12	11	...	...	Dec. 27, '04	Fair	Good	Yes	100 00	
276	Teeseater.	Teeseater.	98	3	2	3	3	3	3	3	3	3	3	3	3	3	3	13	1	14	12	23 00	...	...	Dec. 27, '04	Fair	Fair	Yes	250 00
284	St. John's	Brussels...	62	3	...	3	3	3	3	3	3	3	3	3	3	3	3	13	1	14	15	...	...	Dec. 27, '04	Good	Good	Yes	...	
294	Wingham	Wingham...	86	4	1	4	4	4	4	4	4	4	4	4	4	4	4	10	9	12	15	...	...	Dec. 27, '04	Good	Good	Yes	...	
331	Fordwich	Fordwich...	43	7	1	7	7	7	7	7	7	7	7	7	7	7	7	12	2	14	16	...	...	March, 1905	Good	Good	Yes	600 00	
341	Hruce	Tiverton...	49	10	...	10	10	10	10	10	10	10	10	10	10	10	10	13	6	19	18	...	...	Dec. 27, '04	Fair	Good	Yes	100 00	
353	Maple Lo f	Tara...	51	1	1	2	4	4	4	4	4	4	4	4	4	4	4	13	...	...	15	...	...	Dec. 31, '04	Good	Good	Yes	100 00	
393	Forest	Chesley...	39	3	2	3	3	3	3	3	3	3	3	3	3	3	3	10	2	12	11	10 00	...	...	June 24, '05	Fair	Good	No	500 00
396	Cedar	Wiarton...	102	7	...	7	7	7	7	7	7	7	7	7	7	7	7	13	4	17	22	...	...	Dec. 27, '04	Good	Good	Yes	700 00	
429	Port Elgin	Port Elgin...	50	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	13	1	13	16	15 00	...	...	Sept. 18, '04	Good	Favorable	Yes	250 00
431	Moravian	Eden Grove...	45	7	7	7	7	7	7	7	7	7	7	7	7	7	7	13	10	23	16	5 00	...	...	Dec. 27, '04	Fair	Good	Yes	...
437	Hanover	Hanover...	44	...	3	3	3	3	3	3	3	3	3	3	3	3	3	10	3	13	15	...	...	Dec., 1904	Good	Good	Yes	300 00	
438	Burns	Hepworth...	33	...	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	10	5	15	10	20 00	...	...	Jan. 10, '05	Good	Fair	Yes	200 00

WILSON DISTRICT NO. 6.

*To the Most Worshipful the Grand Master, Officers and
Members of the Grand Lodge of A. F. & A. M. of
Canada, in the Province of Ontario:*

MOST WORSHIPFUL SIR AND BRETHREN :

I have the honor to submit for your consideration my report on the condition and progress of Craft Masonry in the Sixth Masonic District.

Before doing so, permit me to thank the brethren of the District for the honor which they conferred upon me by electing me to the important and responsible office of District Deputy Grand Master, and also the Worshipful Masters and brethren of the various lodges for their kind and courteous treatment during my term of office and on the occasion of my official visits to the various lodges.

I am pleased to report that peace and harmony exist in every lodge in the district, that the numerical increase in several has been the greatest in their history, and that the work is generally well done by the W. M's and officers of the various lodges in Wilson District. Indeed, in almost every instance it was my pleasure and duty to compliment, not criticize, the brethren for the excellent exemplification of the work in the several degrees.

My first official act was to appoint W. Bro. F. Smoke, P. M. of St. John's Lodge, No. 82, Paris, as District Secretary. I am greatly indebted to him for favors received during the year. I immediately afterwards issued a circular letter to every lodge in the district requesting them to send me a copy of their by-laws and notices of all their meetings. I am pleased to state that this was done by every Secretary in the district. I also directed their attention to the unanimous decision of Grand Lodge to raise as expeditiously as possible one hundred thousand dollars to be expended solely for benevolent purposes, and in order to bring this important matter before each lodge at as early a date as possible, I appointed a District Committee consisting of a number of P. D. D. G. M's, and allotted to each two or three lodges which they were

asked to visit and report upon as soon as possible. In almost every instance these R. W. brethren heartily undertook the work assigned and succeeded in arousing an interest in this fund. On the occasion of my official visit to each lodge I brought before them the claims of this worthy scheme, explained the misunderstandings which had arisen in many quarters, and urged upon them the duty and privilege of having some share in this important branch of Freemasonry. In many cases the brethren responded liberally to the appeal, as the following report will show. In a few instances a spirit of indifference seems yet to prevail, possibly, to some extent, because the committee appointed to prosecute the canvass was not heartily in sympathy with the project and fulfilled their duties in an indifferent manner. I am satisfied that by continued effort on the part of those entrusted with this duty, every lodge in this district will, before the expiration of the three years agreed upon by Grand Lodge, have done its share in assisting to lay what may justly be termed the corner-stone of Freemasonry.

The following lodges have reported to the District Secretary the number of subscribers and total amount subscribed by their lodge.

	Subscribers.	Subscribed
Wilson Lodge, No. 113, Waterford.. ..	103	\$309
St. John's Lodge, No. 104, Norwich.. ..	55	165
St. John's Lodge, No. 82, Paris	32	93
Norfolk Lodge, No. 10, Simcoe.. ..	■	79
Vienna Lodge, No. 237, Vienna	25	75
Springfield Lodge, No. 259, Springfield.	20	60
Blenheim Lodge, No. 108, Princeton. ..	15	42
Erie Lodge, No. 149, Port Dover.. ..	23	23
Oxford Lodge, No. 76, Woodstock	4	12
Oak Branch, No. 261, Innerkip	12	not known
St. John's Lodge, No. 68, Ingersoll.. ..	6	9
Scotland Lodge, No. 193, Scotland	—	12
Frederick Lodge, No. 217, Delhi.	1	1
Total	318	\$880

R. W. Bro. Jas. Smiley, District Treasurer, received the sum of \$220.92 during the year for this fund, and I have much pleasure in forwarding his cheque for that amount with the report.

DISPENSATIONS.

During the year I issued dispensations for the brethren of the following lodges to attend divine service clothed as Masons: Sunday, May 28, Frederick Lodge, No. 217, Delhi; Sunday, June 18, St. John's Lodge, No. 68, Ingersoll; Sunday, June 18, King Hiram Lodge, No. 37, Ingersoll; Sunday, June 25, Burford Lodge, No. 106, Burford; Sunday, July 9, Scotland Lodge, No. 193, Scotland.

The necessary fee in each case was received and transmitted to the Grand Secretary. I trust that this very important duty may be exercised by many more lodges during the coming year. It is a public acknowledgment of our faith in the Great Architect of the Universe, and of the intimate relationship which exists between Masonry and religion.

BY-LAWS.

The by-laws of Norfolk Lodge, No. 10, Simcoe, and of King Hiram Lodge, No. 78, Tillsonburg, were amended and transmitted through me to the Grand Master for his approval.

DEATHS.

The following deaths have been reported to me during the year: Bro. W. R. Brown, member of St. John's Lodge, No. 104, Norwich; W. Bro. W. A. Ferguson, member of Frederick Lodge, No. 217, Delhi, died Friday, May 24; Bro. Reuben Johnson, member of Springfield Lodge, No. 250, Springfield, died June 27; Bro. I. A. Stewart, member of Oxford Lodge, No. 76, Woodstock, died July 13, 1904; Bro. John Heavner, member of Oxford Lodge, No. 76, Woodstock, died April 26, 1905; W. Bro. Hon. Jas. Sutherland, life member of Oxford Lodge, No. 76, Woodstock, died May 3, 1905. W. Bro. Sutherland was one of Canada's most prominent citizens, and for several years an honored member of the Dominion Cabinet. He always took a deep interest in Masonry, and his death was universally deplored.

VISITATIONS.

Plattsville Lodge, No. 178, Plattsville: I made my first official visit to this lodge on Friday, October 21, and was accompanied by R. W. Bro. Jas. Smiley, P. D. D. G. M., of Wilson District; W. Bro. Gant, P. M. of Burford Lodge, and Bro. L. LaPierre, of Paris. Owing to a very wet afternoon and evening the attendance was not large,

but I was pleased to see a good attendance of the Past Masters of the lodge. R. W. Bro. Thos. Allshire was also present, and although now over eighty years of age, seems to take as much interest in Masonry as he did in former years. The W. M. and officers conferred the first degree upon a bright candidate, and considering the fact that this was the first work done in the lodge for over two years, it was quite satisfactorily performed. Past Master W. R. Henderson also conferred the same degree upon a second candidate in a manner which was beyond criticism. He is also Secretary of the lodge. His books are models of neatness, accuracy and penmanship. A pleasant hour was spent around the banquet table at the close of the evening's work.

St. John's Lodge, No. 104, Norwich: Accompanied by W. Bro. J. R. Inksater, I visited this lodge on the evening of October 26. Owing to the fact that political meetings were being held in several places approximate to the village the attendance was not as large as it would otherwise have been. This lodge had done considerable work during the year and the presentation of an application that evening was an indication that future work was in prospect. The W. M. opened and closed the lodge in the three degrees. R. W. Bro. Dr. McCurdy was present and added much to the pleasure of my visit. He is a tower of strength to the lodge. W. Bro. Polden keeps his books in good order and takes an active interest in all the proceedings of the lodge. I was especially pleased to learn that almost every member had already subscribed to the benevolent fund. The lodge room is thoroughly equipped and up-to-date in every respect.

Oxford Lodge, No. 76, Woodstock: I visited this lodge on Monday, November 14, and was accompanied by R. W. Bro. Smiley, W. Bros. Smoke, Thomson and Bain, of Paris; W. Bro. Dr. A. S. Lovett, of Ayr Lodge; W. Bro. J. P. Hoag, of Brant Lodge, Brantford, and several other brethren from Paris. I was pleased to meet R. W. Bros. Martin and Allshire on this occasion. The former is a leader among the Masons of this city, and the latter a veteran in the ranks of Plattsville Lodge. After having been cordially welcomed by the W. M. and brethren, I had the pleasure of witnessing the conferring of the third degree upon a very bright candidate. The work was carefully and impressively performed. A con-

siderable number of brethren of King Solomon's Lodge were present and the very best of good feeling and harmony seems to exist between the two city lodges. Bro. Anderson's books are excellently kept. I took occasion to explain the duties of the brethren towards the charitable part of our institution, and more especially with regard to the Semi-Centennial Fund. A committee was appointed to prosecute a thorough canvass, and I hope to be able to report a good contribution from the brethren of Oxford lodge. A pleasant hour was spent at the banquet table at the close of the work of the evening.

St. John's Lodge, No. 68, Ingersoll: I visited this lodge on Friday, November 18, and was met at the station by R. W. Bro. Lieut.-Col. Hegler, who was untiring in his efforts to make my visit to Ingersoll a pleasant one. W. Bro. Cornfoot and his officers conferred the second degree upon a well-posted candidate. The work was so carefully and accurately done that there was very little occasion indeed for criticism. The lecture and charge were both delivered with impressiveness, and must have made a deep impression upon the candidate. I took occasion to outline the early history and growth of our institution with the hope that the brethren would learn to appreciate more highly the organization which has honored them by granting admittance to its ranks. Bright and witty speeches around the banquet table concluded the pleasures of the evening.

Oriental Lodge, No. 181, Port Burwell: On December 27 I visited this lodge and was cordially welcomed at the station by W. Bros. Ernet and Ker and Bro. Cudney. The W. M. requested me to install the officers, and I was pleased to do so. W. Bro. Burwell, Secretary of the lodge, was absent on account of sickness, the first time, I was informed, during many years. Such brethren are the bulwark of any institution they may be connected with. The closing in the several degrees was admirably done by W. Bro. Ker. The officers are young and enthusiastic and seem determined to maintain the good reputation of Oriental Lodge. This lodge has had a very successful year, and every indication points to a continuance of this prosperity. Banquet, speech and song concluded the evening's proceedings.

Vienna Lodge, No. 237, Vienna: I visited this lodge on the 28th of December, and was cordially welcomed by

R. W. Bro. Clutton, I. P. D. D. G. M. Owing to the very stormy weather the attendance was not very large, but a considerable number drove several miles through the storm to assist in receiving the representative of the M. W. the Grand Master. W. Bro. McCrimmon opened and closed the lodge in the three degrees. This was done in a highly satisfactory manner. This lodge last year added fourteen to its membership. It is in good financial condition and the future prospects are very bright. The lodge room is neat, cosy and attractive, and the brethren take great pride in keeping it in this condition. R. W. Bro. Clutton acts as Secretary of this lodge and attends promptly to every detail of the work. He is indeed the leading spirit in the lodge, and much of its past success is doubtless owing to his untiring devotion to the work of Craft Masonry.

Springfield Lodge, No. 259, Springfield: Accompanied by R. W. Bro. Clutton and W. Bro. Gant, P. M. of Burford Lodge, I visited Springfield on December 29. The W. M. kindly called this emergency meeting at my request. We were met by the W. M. and a number of the officers, who had every arrangement made for our comfort. Although the weather was stormy there was a large attendance of the brethren, including visitors from Tillsonburg and Aylmer. The third degree was conferred by W. Bro. Stewart and his staff of officers in a faultless manner. The work done was one of the best in the district, notwithstanding the fact that this lodge was re-organized only a few months previous to my visit. The lodge room is large, well equipped and attractive. An excellent Masonic spirit seems to prevail among the brethren. After the work of the evening we had the pleasure of joining with the wives and friends of the brethren in an elaborate banquet. Speech and song concluded one of the most enjoyable evenings it has been my privilege to participate in.

Wilson Lodge, No. 113, Waterford: I installed the officers of this lodge on the 18th of January and was assisted by R. W. Bros. Smiley and Ross. The candidate expected was unable to be present, but the officers closed the lodge in the various degrees in an excellent manner. This lodge is one of the best in the district. There was a large number of Past Masters present, and much of the success of this lodge is doubtless due to their zeal and

counsel. On behalf of the lodge I had the honor to present W. Bro. Dr. McGuire with a handsome P. M's jewel. After an excellent banquet in the Beemer House the brethren retired to the lodge room, where speeches and recitations of a high character concluded a very pleasant and profitable evening.

Vittoria Lodge, No. 359, Vittoria: I visited this lodge on the 20th of January and installed the officers. After the installation ceremony W. Bro. Mitchell and the retiring officers of the lodge conferred the first degree upon a bright candidate, and the newly installed officers conferred the same degree upon a second candidate. The work in both cases was very creditably done. The work of the Junior Deacon, and particularly the lecture of the Junior Warden, was exceedingly well done. Visitors were present from Simcoe and Port Rowan. Bright speeches from these visiting brethren helped to make the evening pleasant and enjoyable.

Oak Branch Lodge, No. 261, Innerkip: Accompanied by W. Bro. McMahon, of Woodstock, I visited this lodge on the 27th of January. Owing to the delay of trains and bad roads we did not arrive until about 9.30 p. m., and found a fair number of the brethren already assembled. Assisted by W. Bros. Town, Johnson and McMahon, I installed the officers of this lodge. I was pleased to learn that they had considerable work on hand, and I have every reason to anticipate a prosperous year under the guidance of the newly-installed Worshipful Master.

King Hiram Lodge, No. 78, Tillsonburg: My visit to this lodge on February 15 was a very pleasant one, notwithstanding the fact that a general blockade of trains existed, and I did not reach the town until about 10 p.m. The first degree was conferred by W. Bro. Baker and his staff of officers in a careful, painstaking and impressive manner. Past Master A. E. Raynes is an excellent Secretary. His books are models in neatness, accuracy and method. A large block has just been completed, which is owned largely by the brethren of this lodge. The entire upper flat has been reserved for lodge purposes. The rooms were not decorated or furnished at the time of my visit, but these matters were soon completed under the direction of an excellent staff of Past Masters, and on June the 14th the Grand Master was invited to dedicate

the rooms. Much to the regret of all who were present on that occasion, the M. W. the Grand Master was unable to be present. He requested me to act for him and I was pleased to do so. There were representatives present from nearly every lodge in the district, and every visitor seemed to be delighted with the beautiful, commodious and handsomely furnished apartments of the Tillsonburg brethren. It is certainly the finest in Wilson District and compares favorably with most of the city lodge rooms. Over three hundred brethren sat down to an elaborate banquet at the close of the evening's proceedings.

King Hiram Lodge, No. 37, Ingersoll: I visited this lodge on March 3 and was kindly welcomed by W. Bro. Patterson, Worshipful Master of the lodge. The first degree was carefully conferred on an attentive candidate. The work was generally well done. The Junior Warden's lecture was beautifully and impressively delivered. There was a large gathering of the brethren, including a number of Past Masters and also visitors from the Woodstock lodges. This lodge has had a very prosperous year under its enthusiastic Master, who was re-elected for a second year. The Secretary's books are neatly and accurately kept. The walls of the lodge room are beautifully decorated and every provision is made for successful work. The usual banquet was followed by speech and song, concluding a pleasant and enjoyable evening.

King Solomon's Lodge, No. 43, Woodstock: Accompanied by Bro. McCausland, of Paris, I visited this lodge on March 7. I was introduced by R. W. Bros. Martin and Karn, P. D. D. G. M's of Wilson District, and heartily received by a large gathering of the brethren. W. Bro. Mahon conferred the first degree upon a bright candidate in a masterly manner. The clearness of diction, accuracy of expression and impressive manner must have deeply impressed the candidate with the beautiful teachings of Freemasonry. He was well supported by efficient officers, who also did their work in a highly creditable manner. A good attendance of Past Masters indicated the interest shown by those whom the lodge had honored in the past. V. W. Bro. McGachie is a very efficient Secretary and keeps his books in perfect order. After the labors of the evening were concluded the brethren and visitors adjourned to the refreshment room, where a pleasant and profitable hour was spent.

Scotland Lodge, No. 193, Scotland: In company with W. Bro. Gant I visited this lodge on the 10th of March and was heartily received by the brethren. W. Bro. Messicar and his staff of officers conferred the first degree in a highly satisfactory manner. The lecture was impressively given by the Junior Warden. This lodge has had a large addition to its membership during the year, and has a bright future in prospect. I was pleased to find that R. W. Bro. Ross, P. D. D. G. M., had visited this lodge and presented the claims of the Benevolent Fudd, and that many of the brethren had already subscribed thereto. An elaborate banquet was enjoyed by all at the close of the work of the evening. Speeches interspersed with music and recitation concluded an evening of pleasure and profit to all.

Thistle Lodge, No. 250, Embro: On the 16th of March I drove over from Woodstock to make my official visit to this lodge. Notwithstanding the wretched condition of the roads there was a good attendance of the brethren. I was cordially received by the W. M., who conferred the first degree on a bright candidate. Past Master Munro was then asked to assume the chair and conferred the same degree in a second candidate. The work was very creditably done in both instances. The funds of this lodge are low, owing largely to the fact that very little work has been done for some time past. I regret also to find that several brethren are considerably behind in the payment of their dues.

Blenheim Lodge, No. 108, Princeton: I was accompanied on this visit on the 24th of March by R. W. Bro. Smiley, W. Bro. Whitehead and W. Bro. Gant, of Burford Lodge. W. Bro. Reid warmly welcomed the visiting brethren and afterwards conferred the second degree upon a highly promising candidate. I was pleased to find that this lodge is quite active, and as other applications have been presented there is every promise of good energetic work in the future. Bro. Convey makes a very efficient Secretary and keeps his books in good order. We were hospitably entertained at the banquet table, where brotherly love and good fellowship prevailed.

St. John's Lodge, No. 82, Paris: I visited this my mother lodge on the 11th of April. We were honored with a large delegation of visitors from Wilson Lodge, No. 113, Waterford, headed by R. W. Bro. J. Ross, P. D.

D. G. M., and W. Bro. Matchett, W. M. of the lodge, also visitors from Princeton, Burford and Ayr lodges. The lodge was opened in the first degree by the officers of St. John's Lodge, and after having duly received the visiting brethren, the W. M. requested the officers of Wilson Lodge to assume their respective chairs and confer the second degree upon one of their own candidates. The work was done in a perfect manner, every officer fulfilling his duties with accuracy and despatch. Wilson Lodge has every reason to be proud of its officers, whose work was one of the best I have ever had the pleasure of witnessing. The officers of St. John's Lodge resumed their chairs and opened and closed in the various degrees. W. Bro. Whitehead has a capable staff of officers, and I have much pleasure in testifying to the highly satisfactory manner in which every part of the work is conducted. I am pleased also to state that the Paris brethren have subscribed liberally towards the Semi-Centennial Benevolent Fund. At the close of the work all present repaired to the New Royal Hotel, where a banquet was tendered the brethren, after which a number of interesting speeches were delivered. The solos of Bro. Sheldrick added much to the pleasures of this part of the proceedings.

Frederick Lodge, No. 217, Delhi: My official visit to this lodge was made on the 17th of April. As there were no candidates for degrees I requested W. Bro. Graham to open and close in the several degrees. The work was done in a manner that assured me of the efficiency of his staff of officers. R. W. Bro. Crvsler is Secretary of this lodge. His books are kept in a faultless manner and much of the success of this lodge is doubtless due to his counsel and support. The claims of the Semi-Centennial Benevolent Fund were fully discussed by your representative and others, and I have every reason to believe that the brethren of Frederick Lodge will do their share in advancing this important fund.

Burford Lodge, No. 106, Burford: On the 17th of April I had the pleasure of visiting this lodge officially, and was accompanied by R. W. Bro. Smiley and W. Bros. Inksater, Whitehead and Bain. We were warmly welcomed by a large gathering of the Burford brethren, including several visiting brethren from Princeton. A candidate was initiated by W. Bro. Pratt and his officers in a manner seldom equalled by any other lodge in the dis-

trict. Every part of the work was exceedingly well done. I was pleased to meet R. W. Bro. Myles, whose untiring efforts in the cause of Masonry have doubtless been instrumental in bringing Burford Lodge into the highly efficient state which I had the pleasure of finding on this my official visit. An excellent banquet and many bright speeches of a high order concluded one of the most enthusiastic gatherings held this year in Wilson District.

Walsingham Lodge, No. 174, Port Rowan: I visited this lodge on April 24 and was most kindly received by the officers and brethren. Visitors were present from Vienna, Port Burwell and Vittoria. The W. M. and his officers exemplified the third degree in a highly creditable manner. The Secretary, W. Bro. Ryan, keeps his books in good order, and is also a valued counsellor in the general work of the lodge. This lodge is making good progress, and with so many zealous Past Masters this is sure to continue.

Norfolk Lodge, No. 10, Simcoe: I visited this lodge on May 5th, and was met at the station by Bro. Porter, Secretary of the lodge, and kindly entertained at lunch by W. Bro. Innes, W. M. of the lodge. There was a fair attendance of the brethren, which included a number of Past Masters, among whom were W. Bros. McIntosh and Reid, both enthusiastic Masons. The third degree was conferred on an attentive candidate in an accurate and impressive manner. The dues are considerably in arrears, but have been much reduced through the activity of Bro. Porter, who is a thoroughly efficient officer, and keeps his books in excellent condition. A pleasant hour was spent around the banquet table at the close of the evening's proceedings.

Erie Lodge, No. 149, Port Dover: My official visit to this lodge was made on May 12. This was an emergency meeting kindly called by the W. M. to suit my convenience. No degree work was exemplified by W. Bro. Davies and his officers, but they opened and closed the lodge in the various degrees in a highly satisfactory manner. Immediate Past Master Waddle exercises a careful oversight of the work of the lodge. This lodge is also fortunate in having the counsel of R. W. Bro. Dr. Kennedy, P. D. D. G. M. of Wilson District. Past Master Varey keeps his books in a model condition and looks after every detail of his duties. W. Bro. Dr. McIntosh

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and Bro. Porter, of Simcoe, were present on this occasion. The lodge room is bright and attractive. A very enjoyable evening was concluded by a banquet in an adjoining room.

In conclusion I desire again to thank the brethren of Wilson District for their kind assistance, generous treatment and personal interest they have taken in me. I feel that in this brief report I have overlooked many who should have received special recognition at my hands. I sincerely hope that they will accept the will for the deed. I thoroughly enjoyed my visits to the various lodges and regret that time and circumstances did not permit my enjoying their hospitality on more frequent occasions. I am pleased to leave this large and influential district in a very satisfactory condition, and trust that my successor will receive the hearty support and good fellowship which was so generously accorded to me.

All of which is fraternally submitted.

S. Y. TAYLOR, D. D. G. M.,
Wilson District No. 6.

WELLINGTON DISTRICT No. 7.

*To the Most Worshipful the Grand Master, Officers and
Members of the Grand Lodge of A. F. & A. M. of
Canada, in the Province of Ontario:*

MOST WORSHIPFUL SIR AND BRETHREN :

It is with pleasure I submit for your consideration my report upon the condition of Masonry in Wellington District.

GENERAL REMARKS.

In the first place I wish to return my sincere thanks for the honor conferred upon me at the last meeting of Grand Lodge in electing me to this important and responsible office, and to express to the brethren throughout the district my gratefulness for the kindly treatment accorded me whilst paying my official visits, a flattering reception being given me on every occasion.

I visited every lodge in the district once, and some of them twice, and in every case at the regular meeting.

I have endeavored to fill the responsible position of the representative of the Grand Master in this district to the best of my ability. Knowing that accuracy and uniformity in the work is most essential, I determined that my efforts should be in that direction, and in visiting the different lodges I corrected when necessary and complimented only when deserved. The harmony that exists among the brethren of the district is most gratifying, and one of the most pleasant features I have to report is that I was not called upon to adjust any grievance, perfect harmony prevailing.

One of my first duties after my election was to appoint W. Bro. R. S. Hamilton, of Alma Lodge, No. 72, as the District Secretary, and Bro. R. E. Knowles, of Galt Lodge, No. 257, District Chaplain. I might say that both of these brethren have filled their offices not only with credit to themselves but with honor to the Craft. I immediately notified each lodge of my appointment, and at the same time, by instruction from the Grand Master,

I issued a circular letter relating to the Semi-Centennial Benevolent Fund. In this connection I might say that I have done my utmost to show the brethren of the district their duty toward this grand scheme, and in order to still further the interest in the fund I divided the district into five divisions and appointed as chairman of the several divisions brethren whose zeal and ability I could rely upon, and I am pleased to report that about \$1,200.00 has been subscribed by the brethren for this fund.

Under permission of Grand River Lodge, No. 151, I held a Lodge of Instruction at Berlin on the 17th of November, which was well attended by the brethren of the district, about ninety being present. Lodge opened at 11.20 a. m. with the officers of Grand River Lodge in the chairs. The work of the first degree was exemplified in a most creditable manner and received the commendation of all brethren present. Before the lodge was passed to the second degree R. W. Bro. J. J. Craig was called to the East and presented by myself, on behalf of the lodges of the district, with a beautiful Past District Deputy regalia, as an expression of the confidence and respect of the district towards their P. D. D. G. M. R. W. Bro. Craig replied in felicitous terms thanking the lodges of the district for the high honor they had conferred on him and expressing the great pleasure it had been for him to perform the duties of the D. D. of the district.

The work of the second degree was then exemplified by the officers of Preston Lodge, No. 297. The work was done excellently by W. Bro. George A. Roos, and the other officers of his lodge did their parts exceedingly well, and all received the approbation of those present.

The officers of Harris Lodge, No. 216, Orangeville, kindly consented to confer the third degree, and W. Bro. K. H. Robinson and his officers did excellent work, leaving no room for criticism.

R. W. Bro. Tait, of Toronto, was present and explained at some length the general plans to adopt in the examination of a visiting brother. His remarks were very much appreciated by the brethren present, and I have no doubt but that some will be greatly benefited, as I fear that there is probably a little slackness in that respect in some lodges in the district. All the work of the afternoon was very ably and efficiently done, and my thanks are due and tendered to the lodges which took part in the work and also

to the brethren of Berlin for their kindness in permitting us to have their beautiful rooms.

I forward to the M. W. the Grand Master for approval by-laws of Wellington Lodge,, Erin, and Durham Lodge, Durham, also a change in by-law of Waverly Lodge, Guelph, all of which were approved by him.

THE FRATERNAL DEAD.

The Grim Reaper has been busy within our district during the past year, and the following deaths have been reported to me, in all cases without any particulars:

W. Bro. H. W. Mockler, Durham Lodge, died July 31, 1904.

W. Bro. John D. Watson, Scott Lodge, Grand Valley, died September 16. This is the first member of Scott Lodge to be called to the Grand Lodge above by the Great Architect of the Universe.

W. Bro. J. R. Hea, Scott Lodge, Grand Valley, died January 9, 1905.

Bro. A. Johnston, Sr., Wellington Lodge, died February 8, 1905.

Bro. C. C. Green, Prince Arthur Lodge, died March 17.

Bro. D. Mann, Scott lodge, Grand Valley, died April 12.

Bro. N. Scott, Harriston Lodge, died June 9.

VISITATIONS.

Durham Lodge, No. 306, Durham: I began my official visits here on September 20. The W. M. expected two candidates to be present to be passed to the second degree. However, they failed to appear, but the W. M. and his officers exemplified the degree in the most satisfactory manner. This lodge, I am pleased to report, is now doing good work. The officers were young men of the right material, and I predict a bright future for Durham lodge. Their rooms have been repaired and are now quite attractive and comfortable. The Secretary, W. Bro. Bean, does his work well.

Clifford Lodge, No. 315, Clifford: I visited this lodge on November 15. Not a very good lodge room, but the W. M. and officers do their work very well. Two candidates were initiated into Masonry that evening, and I see by the notices sent me that a fair amount of work has been done at the lodge. The attendance was very good. After lodge closed we spent a most pleasant hour around the festive board.

Wellington Lodge, No. 271, Erin: Visited this lodge December 21. Good attendance. Third degree exemplified by W. Bro. Skinner and officers in fairly good manner. They have a nice new lodge room, also new furniture, and I am pleased to report that Wellington lodge have now as comfortable quarters, for their size, as any lodge in the district, and I am sure that under the guidance of W. Bro. Skinner Wellington lodge will prosper. I would just suggest that an endeavor be made by the officers to have the dues paid more promptly. I had the pleasure of meeting R. W. Bro. Conboy, who takes a great interest in the lodge, and also R. W. Bro. Craig. After lodge closed we listened to some very good speeches by the brethren just named.

Alma Lodge, No. 72, Galt: Visited this my mother lodge on December 30, being our usual Past Masters' evening. R. W. Bro. Oliver occupied the East. I was very much pleased to see so many brethren present, not only of Alma lodge and our sister lodge, Galt lodge, but also from the lodges of the neighboring towns. I was also very much pleased to see so many P. M's among the number, including R. W. Bros. Miller and Cowan. The first degree was conferred by the P. M's, and it was excellently done, which shows that the P. M's of Alma lodge still keep the work well up. Being a regular attendant at this my own lodge I can testify to the good work done by W. Bro. Taggart, his wardens, and junior officers of the lodge. Before lodge was closed W. Bro. Collins was asked by the W. M. to step to the East, when he was presented with a Past Master's jewel. I do not think that Alma lodge could find a more deserving brother than W. Bro. Collins. He is always ready to instruct those who come to him for information, and the junior officers of the lodge find in him a true friend and helper. After lodge closed we spent an hour very pleasantly around the festive board.

Blair Lodge, No. 314, Palmerston: I visited this lodge on January 27 and found very few present, as it was a very stormy night, and being a railroad town and the majority of the members railroad men, they were all on duty. V. W. Bro. Hindman conferred the second degree in a fairly good manner. The junior officers of the lodge were not as well skilled in the work as they should be. The lodge rooms are very comfortable, and prospects are bright for Blair lodge.

Conestoga Lodge, No. 295, Drayton: I visited this lodge on February 7. A splendid meeting, thirty being present. I regret that I did not see any work, but the opening and closing of the lodge in the several degrees was well done. The lodge room is very comfortable, and Conestoga lodge have good prospects. The Secretary, W. H. Smith, knows his duty and does his work well.

Guelph Lodge, No. 258, Guelph: Visited this lodge January 9, accompanied by R. W. Bro. Miller. W. Bro. McRae and the officers conferred the first degree in an able manner. I was very pleased to meet R. W. Bro. Mahoney, who is a very regular attendant at lodge meeting. I was also pleased to see so many of the brethren of the sister lodges present. A very pleasant half hour was spent after lodge closed in the banquet room.

Harriston Lodge, No. 262, Harriston: I visited this lodge March 13, and regret that owing to blocking of trains I had to cancel my former visit. W. Bro. Lambert and his officers conferred the first degree most creditably, and Harriston lodge must be complimented on their choice of officers. The lodge room is in splendid condition. The lodge books well kept and dues well paid up. I spent in Harriston lodge one of my most pleasant evenings. Prospects of the lodge are good.

Grand River Lodge, No. 51, Berlin: I visited this lodge March 14, and had the pleasure of seeing four candidates passed to the second degree. The work was very well done by W. Bro. A. Werner, who is one of the best workers in the district. The Wardens and junior officers also did their work well. This is the nicest furnished lodge room in the district, and when filled by brethren as on the night of my visit, it proves that Masonry in Berlin and Waterloo is flourishing. The lodge books are also very well kept.

New Hope Lodge, No. 279, Hespeler: I visited this lodge in March 15, accompanied by about twenty members from Galt and a dozen from Preston, including R. W. Bro. Miller. I always like to visit New Hope Lodge, for you are certain of seeing good work every time, and to-night I was not disappointed. W. Bro. Garland and his officers conferred the first degree in a very correct manner, the lecture given by the J. W. being exceptionally well done. The lodge room is bright and cheery and the lodge books excellently kept by W. Bro. J. Jardine, who

is an energetic Mason. Prospects for New Hope Lodge are the best.

Preston Lodge, No. 297, Preston: Visited this lodge on March 17 and found R. W. Bro. Miller at his post as usual. No work was done this evening, for which I regret. However, I know that W. Bro. Geo. A. Roos and his officers do the work most accurately; in fact, as well as any lodge in the district. Before the lodge closed W. Bro. McIntosh was pleasantly surprised by being presented with a Morris chair. Bro. McIntosh is one of the old reliables of Preston lodge. I have known him for a great many years and have always found him to be the same kind, true Mason. I regret that a short time ago Bro. McIntosh was stricken with paralysis, and although in a very bad way and suffering great pain, he bears it all without any grumbling, and I trust he will soon be with us again.

Waverly Lodge, No. 361, Guelph: I visited this lodge March 27, being greeted with the largest number of Masons at any meeting in the district. The first degree was conferred, and W. Bro. Chapman and his officers do the work very creditably. The ceremony was very much improved by the choir. The singing was certainly good and added much to the enjoyment of the evening. I was very much pleased to meet R. W. Bros. Savage and Pettiford, both well skilled and earnest Masons. After lodge adjourned we spent a pleasant hour in the banquet room.

Mercer Lodge, No. 347, Fergus: I visited this lodge May 5 and had the pleasure of meeting my immediate predecessor, R. W. Bro. Craig. I regret that no work was done, but I have seen W. Bro. Wansborough confer degrees and I know just how accurately he can do them. The Secretary, Bro. Pritchard, keeps the lodge books in splendid shape. Prospects for Mercer Lodge are very bright.

Galt Lodge, No. 257, Galt: I visited this lodge April 4, and as I am about as regular an attendant as most of the members, I know the work to be well done in the lodge. W. Bro. Skelton is a splendid worker, knowing his work well and having a good elivery. The Wardens and junior officers of the lodge are also well posted. R. W. Bros. Taylor and Cowan, also W. Bros. Mitchell and Thomas, take a keen interest in the lodge and are gen-

erally present at all meetings. Galt lodge is very prosperous.

Harris Lodge, No. 216, Orangeville: I visited this lodge April 18 and was greeted with a very good turnout of members, among them being R. W. Bros. Irving and McLaren and V. W. Bro. Mann. W. Bro. Robinson and his officers conferred the first degree in a manner above criticism. The lodge is officered by young men of ability, and the present occupants of the wardens' chairs will certainly make good Masters when placed in the east. Harris lodge is doing good work all along the line and the prospects are the very best.

Scott Lodge, No. 421, Grand Valley: Visited this lodge April 19, accompanied by about a dozen brethren from Orangeville, including W. Bro. Robinson. This is a very pretty lodge room, the equipments are good, and everything kept in first-class order. The work of conferring the first degree was well done by W. Bro. McClelland and his officers. I was very much pleased to meet the W. M., as I have known him for a great many years, long before he entered the Craft, and I can assure him I was very much pleased to see him occupying the East. The Secretary of the lodge, W. Bro. McIntyre, must be congratulated for the manner in which his books are kept, so neat, and the dues are well kept up. We had a very pleasant evening, after the lodge closed, in the refreshment room. Prospects of this lodge good.

St. Alban's Lodge, No. 200, Mount Forest: Visited this lodge May 12, and only a few brethren were present, the W. M. also being absent. As no work was on for the evening I had not the pleasure of seeing the officers confer the degrees. However, the acting W. M. opened the lodge in the several degrees very satisfactorily, and I have every reason to believe that this lodge is in a prosperous condition. I was pleased to meet W. Bro. Ireland, who is a most enthusiastic Mason. The lodge rooms are well equipped and comfortable. The Secretary keeps his books well.

Ayr Lodge, No. 172, Ayr: I visited this lodge May 16, accompanied by R. W. Bro. Cowan, of Galt Lodge; R. W. Bro. Miller, Preston, and W. Bros. R. H. Hamilton and Despond and Bro. Secord. I am pleased to report that I consider Ayr lodge now on the up-grade. They have a splendid set of officers, all young men, who appear

to be very zealous and capable. The third degree was conferred by W. Bro. Anderson, the Immediate Past Master, in a manner seldom excelled in Wellington District. Although the lodge rooms are small they are most comfortable and belong to the lodge. The attendance was very good for a small lodge. After the lodge closed we repaired to the banquet room, where we spent a pleasant hour. Prospects for Ayr lodge bright.

Irvine Lodge, No. 203, Elora: I paid my official visit to this lodge May 19, accompanied by W. Bro. Stevenson, of Speed Lodge. There was a very large number of members present. I have seen some splendid meetings throughout the district, but I do not think that in all the lodges I have visited that more young men were present than at Irvine lodge. The third degree was conferred in a most satisfactory manner. I was very much pleased to meet R. W. Bro. Burns, the indefatigable Secretary, who has less arrears on his books than any lodge in the district, entirely due to his energy. I regret the absence of R. W. Bro. Smith, who at that time was indisposed, but I am pleased to know is now better. This being election of officers, a rather striking incident took place, which was the election of four doctors to the four principal offices of the lodge. I know that they are all well skilled and can do good work, and I hope that their attendance at lodge will be regular. The prospects of their lodge are the brightest. After close of lodge we were hospitably entertained.

Speed Lodge, No. 180, Guelph: Visited this lodge June 5th, accompanied again by R. W. Bro. Miller. I was very much pleased to meet here R. W. Bro. Scoon, whom I understand rarely misses a meeting, and who is one of the best authorities on Masonry in the district. The work of conferring the third degree was splendidly done by the W. M. and his officers, and although Speed lodge is probably not doing quite as much work as some other lodges in the district, it is certainly not dormant. I was very much pleased to see here many brethren from the sister lodges in Guelph. At all of my three visits to Guelph lodges in every instance there has been a good representation from the other lodges. Prospects of Speed lodge are good.

Prince Arthur Lodge, No. 334, Arthur: I visited this lodge on June 13. The attendance was good and Prince

Arthur Lodge has a splendid room. I regret that no work was done, but the W. M. opened and closed the lodge in the several degrees quite satisfactorily, and I have every reason to believe that the work would be well done. The prospects of this lodge are the brightest. We spent a very pleasant half hour after lodge closed in the banquet room.

In conclusion, I shall hand to my successor the sacred trust given me a year ago, feeling sure that the generous support given me will be accorded to him by the brethren of wellington District.

I would like to say a few words to some of the secretaries of the district, which is, my report should be in the hands of Grand Lodge not later than July 1. It is impossible for me to send in this report until I receive from the different lodges the statements showing the work done during the past year. Up to July 12 some of the Secretaries have not yet sent in this report, which prohibits me giving Grand Lodge the proper returns. I would suggest that in future the Secretaries have their reports all sent in not later than the 26th of June.

I wish to tender my sincere thanks to R. W. Bros. Oliver, Cowan, Miller, McLaren and Irving for the many kindnesses rendered me during my term of office, and in laying down the gavel of this splendid district I shall never forget the pleasant hours spent with the brethren of the different lodges, and I feel assured that I leave to my successor a district in perfect harmony and numerically and financially prosperous.

All of which is fraternally submitted.

JOHN W. PORTEOUS, D. D. G. M.,
Wellington District No. 7.

GRAND LODGE OF CANADA.

GRAND LODGE OF A. F. & A. M. OF CANADA IN THE PROVINCE OF ONTARIO
Table Showing the work done in Wellington District, No. 7, from June 24th, 1904, to June 24th, 1905.

Number of Lodge.	Name of Lodge.	Location.	Total No. of all Mem.	Increase during year.	Decrease during year.	Degree's conf. rd.			Meet-ings held.	Average attendance of members.	Amount paid for relief.	No. of members 12 months in arrears.	Total or all Arrears.	Date of last G. L. Return.	Financial Standing.	Prospect of Lodge.	Can W. M. work all degrees.	Insurance.	
						E. A.	F. C.	M. M.											
79	Alma	Galt.	133	19	...	9	8	9	10	4	14	98	\$15 00	8	\$68 00	Jan. 24, '04	A 1	Good	Yes Jointly
151	Grand River	Berlin.	119	17	...	13	11	7	13	5	18	30	...	...	...	Jan. 10, '05	Fair	Good	Yes \$1500 00
172	Ayr	Ayr	88	8	2	4	7	8	14	4	18	14	...	...	200 00	Dec. 27, '04	Fair	Good	Yes Yes
180	Special	Guelph.	75	2	1	1	1	1	13	1	14	15	28 75	2	...	Dec. 27, '04	Good	Good	Yes 500 00
200	St Alban.	Mt Forest	64	1	1	1	1	1	13	1	14	15	10 00	8	40 00	June, 1904	Good	Fair	Yes 400 00
203	Irvine	Elora.	59	3	...	5	5	5	10	3	13	15	6 80	2	18 60	Dec., 1904	Good	Good	Yes 400 00
216	Harris	Orangeville	161	14	...	16	14	13	11	9	20	24	15 00	26	108 00	June 24, '04	Good	Good	Yes 500 00
227	Galt	Galt	136	18	9	15	16	9	13	8	21	25	...	...	...	June 24, '04	Good	Good	Yes Jointly
268	Guelph	Guelph.	90	1	...	7	4	6	1	...	...	17	41 50	96	228 75	June 24, '04	Good	Good	Yes None
269	Harristown	Harristown	86	1	...	6	4	4	...	...	...	17	39 87	51	91 75	June 24, '04	Good	Bright	Yes 500 00
271	Wellington	W.L.N	64	7	2	7	8	6	13	1	13	18	...	30	108 25	June 24, '04	Fair	Good	Yes 500 00
279	New Hope	Hespeler	62	2	...	4	4	3	...	...	...	18	...	...	...	June 24, '04	Good	Good	Yes 400 00
286	Conestoga	Drayton	46	3	2	1	5	5	2	...	...	16	56 00	8	...	July 12, '04	Good	Good	Yes 400 00
297	Preston	Preston	55	11	2	7	5	6	4	1	...	16	35 00	10	84 75	Dec. 27, '04	Fair	Good	Yes 400 00
306	Durban	Durban	53	6	...	6	6	6	1	...	...	18	100 00	5	60 00	Dec. 27, '04	Good	Good	Yes None
314	Mair	Palmerston	59	5	1	4	1	1	1	...	...	15	36 00	14	96 50	Dec. 27, '04	Good	Fair	Yes 500 00
315	Clifford	Clifford	25	7	1	7	6	6	...	...	...	14	10 00	...	...	Dec. 31, '04	Good	Fair	Yes None
324	Pr. Arthur	Arthur	54	3	4	4	4	4	...	...	...	15	112 00	9	65 40	...	Fair	Fair	No 500 00
327	Mercer	Fergus	55	3	...	3	3	3	...	...	...	15	90 00	2	9 00	June 24, '04	Fair	Good	Yes 400 00
361	Waverly	Guelph	131	1	...	8	12	12	...	...	...	26	28 75	3	875 00	June 24, '04	Good	Good	Yes 1500 00
421	Scott	Grand Valley	67	5	...	11	15	16	...	...	...	27	100 00	5	71 27	June 24, '04	Good	Good	Yes 500 00

HAMILTON DISTRICT NO. 8.

To the Most Worshipful the Grand Master, Officers and Members of the Grand Lodge of A. F. & A. M., of Canada, in the Province of Ontario:

MOST WORSHIPFUL SIR AND BRETHREN :

I have the honor of presenting my report on the condition of Masonry in Hamilton District No. 8 during the year ending June 24, 1905. I desire to thank the brethren of the district for the high honor conferred in electing me to the position of D. D. G. M. I take it as a compliment to my mother lodge, The Doric, this being the twenty-fifth anniversary of the lodge. After my election I appointed W. Bro. J. Jardine, of Wentworth Lodge, No. 166, of Stoney Creek, as District Secretary, and he has rendered me much valuable assistance during the year.

VISITS.

I have visited all the lodges in the district once, some of them oftener, and have been received with the utmost kindness and courtesy. I feel sure that benefit has been derived from the discussions with the different lodges, and that harmony and good will have been promoted by these visits.

DISPENSATIONS.

During the year I issued dispensations for brethren to appear clothed as Masons and attend divine service, as follows :

1904—September 18, Seymour Lodge, No. 272, Ancaster ; September 25, Dufferin Lodge, No. 291, West Flamboro ; September 25, Wentworth Lodge, No. 166, Stoney Creek ; October 2, Waterdown Lodge, No. 357, Millgrove ; November 6, Valley Lodge, No. 100, Dundas.

1905—June 17, Oakville Lodge, No. 400, Oakville ; June 25, Burlington Lodge, No. 165, Burlington ; and the necessary fees for same have been transmitted to the Grand Secretary.

I regret to note that many of the lodges in the district are discontinuing the practice of attending divine service as Masons on St. John's Day.

REPORT OF LODGES.

Seymour Lodge, No. 272, Ancaster: My first official visit was made to this lodge on the evening of September 20, 1904. It was an ideal night for a drive to a historic village, and about forty visiting brethren were present, and a good attendance of the members, making a record meeting for the lodge. Two candidates were initiated into our ancient mysteries, the W. M. taking one and the I. P. M. taking the other. The work was well done. The Secretary's report showed the lodge to be in a good and flourishing condition. A special appeal was made to them urging them to do their duty in regard to the Semi-Centennial Benevolent Fund of Grand Lodge, and I feel assured they will do so. After the work a banquet was provided in their own building, at which W. Bro. Chas. Stewart presided. Speeches were made by the D. D. G. M., R. W. Bros. Birrell, McCallum, Davis, V. W. Bro. Stewart, W. Bros. Jas. Old and Dr. MacGregor. A number of songs and recitations also enlivened the evening.

Harmony Lodge, No. 57, Binbrook: Visited this lodge on October 19, 1904. A number of the brethren from Hamilton accompanied me. The night was beautiful, the roads good, and the lodge room was filled to its utmost capacity. The work of the third degree was exemplified by the Master, W. Bro. Twiss, W. Bro. Senn, the Secretary, and the other officers of the lodge. The candidate was a bright intelligent young man and well instructed. The degree was well worked. The lodge is in good shape but is not making much progress. I appealed to them on behalf of the Semi-Centennial Benevolent Fund, and was well pleased to find that this work is in good hands.

Dufferin Lodge, No. 291, West Flamboro: Visited this lodge on Thanksgiving night, the 17th of November, 1904. Visitors were present from Hamilton, Dundas, Millgrove and Ancaster, and the lodge room was filled to overflowing. There being no degree work I requested the Master, W. Bro. Jas. C. Sharpe, to open and close in the several degrees, which was properly done. I made

an appeal to the lodge for co-operation and subscriptions to the Benevolent Fund. There was a ready response, but as some misunderstanding was prevalent in the minds of some of our brethren as to how this fund was to be used I endeavored to set that matter right. They are a fine sturdy lot of fellows out there, and when they are sure they are right will go ahead. An enjoyable time was spent after the meeting with speech and song.

Acacia Lodge, No. 61, Hamilton: Visited this lodge on December 9, 1904. It was the night of the annual meeting for the election of officers. This lodge is in a most satisfactory condition. Their present membership is 315. The Master is an energetic Mason of more than ordinary ability, and a good worker. The D. D. G. M. was requested to conduct the election. There is every reason to believe that the lodge will be well officered for the next year. Acacia lodge subscribe to the United Benevolent Fund of this city, and have a lodge benevolent fund, and they were also among the first subscribers to the Semi-Centennial Fund—a good example for any lodge to follow.

Temple Lodge, No. 324, Hamilton: Visited this lodge on December 13, 1904. This was the occasion of their annual meeting. The W. M., W. Bro. James Dickson, being away in the Old Country, R. W. Bro. A. M. Cunningham presided in his absence. W. Bro. Zimmerman worked the first degree, which was well done. At the request of the presiding officer the D. D. G. M. conducted the election of officers. Bro. E. F. Lazier was elected to the Master's chair. His father, who was present at the meeting, occupied the same position in Temple Lodge twenty-five years ago. The lodge has a good financial standing, and the books of the Secretary, W. Bro. Pedlar, are in excellent shape. This officer was highly commended by the members for the good work he has done. The lodge has made a net increase of twelve members for the year, and prospects are very bright for the incoming year.

St. John's Lodge, No. 40, Hamilton: Visited this lodge on Thursday, the 15th day of December, 1904. The principal business was the election of officers for the ensuing term. There was a large turnout of the members, and the contest for office was very keen. This lodge is about the second to largest of the Canadian lodges. They

have a very efficient Secretary, who looks well after the financial affairs of the lodge. They are also very fortunate in having a good number of Past Masters who are regular attendants at the meetings. They are all well able to attend to any work, and it is always well done.

The Lodge of Strict Observance, No. 27, Hamilton: Visited this lodge on Friday, the 16th day of December, 1904. It was the occasion of their annual election of officers, and the D. D. G. M. was invited to preside. The choice of officers was almost unanimous all through. They have a very fine set of officers, and the lodge is making satisfactory progress, constant and steady. This lodge is true to the principles of Freemasonry, being distinguished for their charity. At their own expense they have furnished a ward in the Public Hospital, and they have a special committee to look after its continuance. They have also appointed a good committee to collect subscriptions for the Semi-Centennial Fund. The work of this lodge is at all times well rendered, very satisfactory and pleasing assistance being given by their magnificent choir in the musical parts. On Saturday, the 26th day of November, 1904, in response to the invitation of W. Bro. McIlroy, of Strict Observance Lodge, No. 27, I had the pleasure of accompanying a party of the officers, members and Masonic friends of Strict Observance Lodge, in number over one hundred, on a fraternal visit to Transportation Lodge in the city of Buffalo. Assembled at the Temple Building, in the lodge room were over three hundred Buffalo brethren, including the Grand Master of the State of New York, who had come to Buffalo purposely to see the Canadian work exemplified. The third degree was put on by the officers and Past Master of Strict Observance, assisted by their very able quartette, it was impressively and correctly rendered. At the conclusion the M. W. the Grand Master of New York State expressed his pleasure at the manner in which the degree was conferred and congratulated the Master and officers of Strict Observance Lodge very highly. After the meeting in the lodge room the brethren were invited to a banquet in the sumptuous dining room of the Iroquois Hotel. The room was handsomely decorated, and at the head of the table were interwoven those grand emblems of progress and civilization—the Stars and Stripes and the Union Jack. Speeches were made by some of the

Buffalo brethren, and the D. D. G. M. responded to the toast of the Grand Lodge of Canada, and W. Bro. Fred. Howell to the toast to the Fair City of Hamilton. The Lodge of Strict Observance are entitled to great credit for forging another link in the chain that binds together the Masons all over the world, and the Buffalo brethren are worthy of being called the princes of entertainment and good fellowship. Who will be the next to follow their example?

Wentworth Lodge, No. 166, Stoney Creek: Visited on December 19, 1904. They have a very pretty and well furnished lodge room. The last year has been a good one with this lodge, as they have initiated twenty-two candidates. The Master worked the first degree and it was done as near perfection as possible. They are actively engaged in collecting subscriptions for the Semi-Centennial Benevolent Fund. The Secretary's books are well kept, and the dues collected in a satisfactory manner. Altogether it is a pattern lodge for any other to follow.

Burlington Lodge, No. 165, Burlington: On December 21, 1904, a visit was paid to this lodge. The annual election of officers was conducted by the D. D. G. M. The election was almost unanimous on every ballot, and there was a large turnout of the members. The year 1904 has been one of the best in the history of the Burlington lodge, and they have a good staff of officers and bright prospects for the new year. The work is well done, the Secretary collects the dues satisfactorily, and the brethren are attending to the claims of charity.

Oakville Lodge, No. 400, Oakville: Visited this lodge on the night of the 17th of January, 1905, and was accompanied by sixteen of the Hamilton brethren. The work of the first degree was put on by the Master and his officers. W. Bro. Chisholm, although suffering from a severe cold, performed his work well, as did the others also. This lodge is in good condition. Last year they made a net increase of ten members. An appeal was made to them on behalf of the Semi-Centennial Benevolent Fund. So far nothing had been done in regard to this matter, but I have no doubt it will be taken up vigorously from this time on.

St. Clair Lodge, No. 135, Milton: An official visit was paid to this lodge on February 16, 1905. Some fifteen or

sixteen visitors from Hamilton were in the party. About three miles from Milton the train got stuck in a snow bank, and the report was that we would have to stay there till morning, but several members of the party started to walk and succeeded in reaching the town. St. Clair lodge is in good shape and has enjoyed quite a substantial increase in membership during the year. They have a good bank balance and plenty of work on hand. No doubt the progress for the next year will be good. They have, however, too much outstanding dues. After the meeting a very unique function took place. A banquet was held at which a number of ladies, the wives and daughters of the members of St. Clair Lodge, participated. They appeared to drink as heartily to the usual toasts, which were proposed by the presiding officer, W. Bro. Peacock, as the members themselves. Speeches, songs and recitations were given. The W. M. and officers promised to take up the matter of the Benevolent Fund and appoint a committee to take up subscriptions for the same.

Doric Lodge, No. 121, Brantford: On March 17th, accompanied by a goodly deputation from Hamilton, an official visit was paid to this lodge. This is one of the most active lodges of the district, doing a large amount of work all the time and doing it well. At this meeting they put on a unique specimen of work, the lectures in the first and second degrees were given very correctly, and a beautiful set of pictures thrown on the canvas added much to the effect. Young members were brought to the altar and repeated the obligations in the first, second and third degrees, and were also put through a very complete examination as if visiting a strange lodge. A button brigade has been very successfully carried on in this lodge; when any member can pass an examination as to the obligations in the three degrees and the posting, a button is presented to him. The button used is of gold, with the Doric column, the letter B, and the square and compass design. The signification of the emblems are explained at each presentation. This lodge is very prosperous in every particular.

Walker lodge, No. 321, Acton: Monday, the 20th day of March, 1905, this lodge was visited officially. There were a number of visitors and a good turnout of the members. The lodge is in a good financial position and

adding to their membership. They have a good class of people, but there is rather too much outstanding dues for the number of members. The W. M. has appointed a committee to deal with the question of the Semi-Centennial Benevolent Fund. W. Bro. John Shaw, a Past Master of twenty-five years ago, was presented with a Past Master's jewel by the D. D. G. M. on behalf of the lodge.

Valley Lodge, No. 100, Dundas: Visited on Monday, the 10th April. There was a good turnout of members and visitors, about twenty-five going out from Hamilton, and a fair contingent from Dufferin Lodge, West Flamboro, and from Seymour Lodge, of Ancaster. The W. M. presided. The second degree was conferred in a very creditable manner. Some other work was exemplified which showed that Valley Lodge is keeping right up to date. They have a very good general attendance at the meetings, and a good bank account. The amount of outstanding dues is comparatively small, and their property is fairly well insured. They are working well for the Semi-Centennial Benevolent Fund, and altogether they are to be congratulated.

St. George Lodge, No. 243, St. George: This lodge was visited officially on Thursday, the 13th of April. I was accompanied from Hamilton by R. W. Bros. A. T. Freed and A. M. Cunningham, and W. Bro. S. F. Smith, of Waterdown Lodge. We had the pleasure of meeting R. W. Bro. Taylor, of Wilson District, and five others from Paris, and R. W. Bro. Passmore and four others from Brant Lodge, of Brantford. The W. M., W. Bro. Dr. Robinson, had his officers exemplify the second degree in a very satisfactory manner. The lodge is small and their territory is small, but they are good people and doing good Masonic work.

Credit Lodge, No. 219, Georgetown: Visited this lodge on 14th April, 1905. There was a good delegation from Hamilton, as well as quite a contingent from Walker Lodge, of Acton, and St. Clair Lodge, of Milton. The W. M., W. Bro. Barber, presided at the meeting, and initiated Mr. B. O. Hooper, a son of one of our highly respected Hamilton members. The work was done extra well and the Master was complimented. The lodge room is well equipped and neatly decorated. At the after meeting the fourth degree was very attractively put on, every person taking part. The District Deputy responded to

the toast to Grand Lodge and R. W. Bro. W. G. Reid to the toast to the visitors. Speeches were made by Bros. James Hooper, John Hooper and R. C. Hooper, and V. W. Bro. Jas. Dixon. There was a good turnout of Past Masters of the lodge, and they also made some very fine speeches. Credit lodge is doing well for the Semi-Centennial Fund, and their finances are in good shape.

Waterdown Lodge, No. 357, Millgrove: An official visit was paid to this lodge on the 18th of April. There was a fair attendance of members present and a large turnout of visitors, about nineteen from Hamilton, fifteen from Dundas, and seven from West Flamboro. The W. M. put on the second degree. The lodge is in good condition financially and otherwise. They are truly exemplifying the virtue of charity by giving to every worthy case whether Masonic or not. They have appointed a good committee to collect for the Semi-Centennial Fund. Altogether they are doing real good work for the cause of Masonry and are increasing in numbers.

Brant Lodge, No. 45, Brantford: Visited this lodge officially on May 9, 1905, accompanied by R. W. Bro. W. G. Reid, W. Bro. J. Jardine, and Bro. W. Bates, of Valley Lodge, Dundas. This is quite an old established lodge in the city of Brantford and has nearly two hundred members. During the past year they have had a good attendance at their regular meetings and have added a good number to their roll. They are financially in good shape and have a live committee out working for the Semi-Centennial Fund. The work of the first degree was very impressively exemplified by the Master and his officers. A very pleasant social time was spent in the banquet room after the work was done. Many reminiscences were indulged in by the older members and visitors of Masons and Masonry of the past.

St. Andrew's Lodge, No. 62, Caledonia: Officially visited on Wednesday the 17th of May, 1905. There were fourteen visitors from Hamilton and nine or ten from Seymour Lodge, of Ancaster. Enniskillen Lodge, of York, sent four or five visitors. The work of the first degree was fairly well done. The attendance of the members rather light. The lodge shows a moderate degree of progress. They report having taken hold of the Semi-Centennial Fund and will contribute their quota.

Barton Lodge, No. 6, Hamilton: On Friday, the 2nd

of June, 1905, an official visit was paid to this lodge. It was the occasion of the election of officers for the incoming Masonic year. The D. D. G. M. had the pleasure of conducting the election. The brethren appeared to be very unanimous in their choice of officers, which made the work very light and agreeable. Old Barton Lodge can always do their work well. They have taken hold of the Semi-Centennial Fund and will show their love and loyalty to Grand Lodge by giving the amount required from them in a short time.

Doric Lodge, No. 382, Hamilton: On Monday, the 21st of November, 1904, was Past Master's night at the Doric Lodge. The M. W. the Grand Master, Bro. Benjamin Allen, paid a fraternal visit to the lodge. It was a memorable night, as the lodge celebrated their twenty-fifth anniversary, and it was the first time in their history they had been honored with the presence of the Grand Master. On behalf of the lodges of the Hamilton District the Grand Master presented the D. D. G. M. with a new regalia of his office. Over two hundred and fifty brethren were present at the meeting. The Past Masters worked the second degree. The Grand Master and Grand Secretary made excellent speeches, mentioning especially the Semi-Centennial Benevolent Fund, explaining some matters in connection therewith which had not been properly understood before. No doubt much good will result from that meeting. On Monday, the 19th of June, 1905, I paid my official visit to my mother lodge, The Doric, No. 382. Although the youngest lodge in the city, excepting the new lodge, the Dundurn, which has just been started, it was the largest gathering of any of the annual meetings. The Doric has had a very successful year, a good increase in their membership, and a substantial bank account. The work has been well done throughout the year. The lodge has taken up the matter of the Semi-Centennial Fund and will make a good showing in their contributions before Grand Lodge meets. An escort from the Godfrey de Bouillon Knights Templar was present on this occasion. They have taken a special interest in assisting me in my work throughout the year. At the request of the Master I conducted the election of the officers. A large vote was polled and the choice appeared to be very unanimous, and the prospects for the incoming year are good.

Dundurn Lodge: Acting under the instructions of the Grand Secretary, by dispensation of the M. W. the Grand Master, assisted by several Past Masters of the city, I opened a new lodge, to be denominated The Dundurn Lodge. Their regular meetings will be held on the third Saturday of every month, at the Masonic Hall, Hamilton. It is more than twenty-five years since the last lodge was started in this city. Dundurn has commenced under very favorable auspices. Among their charter members they have Masons of experience, tried and true, young men full of zeal and energy. Their officers are exceptionally well chosen to build up a good lodge and adorn the Craft. W. Bro. John Hooper, W. M.; Bros. James Hooper, S. W.; John Burns, J. W., and W. Bro. G. H. Lanigan, Secretary. We may safely wish them every success.

SEMI-CENTENNIAL BENEVOLENT FUND.

This most important question was endorsed by Grand Lodge at Brockville, and afterwards particularly impressed upon me by the Grand Master as his representative in this district. I have earnestly endeavored to promote this laudable undertaking and have brought the question before every lodge in the district. Wherever any misunderstanding as to the purpose of this fund, the need of it, and the way in which it is to be distributed, existed, I have made a special effort to place the matter in a clear and truthful light before the brethren. I feel assured, M. W. Sir, that my labors have not been in vain. I have found the brethren true to the fundamental truths of Masonry and loyal to the decisions of Grand Lodge. As we all realize that it is only by repeated efforts that we can establish any virtue, I feel assured that if the incoming D. D. G. M. will persistently keep this matter before the lodges that the Hamilton district will not be behind in their contributions to this fund, and if each lodge will do their duty this noble monument of gratitude to the Great Architect of the Universe will be erected to be a credit to the Grand Lodge of Canada and a blessing to many of our needy brethren and their families.

CONCLUSION.

Before closing my report I must again return my thanks to the brethren who placed me in this honored position. My thanks are also due to the many brethren,

not only from the city, but from other lodges who have accompanied me on my visits throughout the district, and for their advice and assistance which has made what would have been otherwise a heavy task, a labor of love and a year of pleasure. The prospects for this district for the future are bright, the work is uniformly rendered. The brethren are kind and full of the true spirit of Masonry. During this year I have found it worth while and would pass the advice on to you to

Stop a minute and say Hello !
As down life's road you smoothly go,
For a pleasant word and a cheery smile
Will shorten the road by many a mile
For some poor brother who is going slow,
So stop a minute and say Hello !

All of which is fraternally submitted.

FRED. WALTER, D. D. G. M.,
Hamilton District No. 8.

GRAND LODGE OF CANADA.

GRAND LODGE OF A. F. & A. M. OF CANADA IN THE PROVINCE OF ONTARIO.

Table showing the work done in the Hamilton District, No. 8, from June 24th, 1904, to June 24th, 1905.

NAME OF LODGE.	LOCATION.	Total No. of all Mem.		Mem- bership.	Degrees conferred.	Athletism.	Restorations.	Re-designations.	Suspensions, N. P. D.	Deaths.	Average attendance of members.	Amount paid for relief in arrears.	No of members 12 months in arrears.	Total of all arrears.	Date of last G. L. Return.	Financial Standing.	Prospects of Lodge.	Can W. M. work all degrees.	Insurance.	
		Increase during year.	Decrease during year.																	
The Barton	Hamilton	342	6	13	18	15	3	1	1	6	619	719	30	117 00	26	\$325 00	June 24, '05	Good	Yes	Jointly
St. John's	"	359	18	98	25	23	6	2	2	5	519	720	49	91 75	12	30 00	June 24, '05	Good	Yes	Jointly
Brant	Brantford	306	14	19	21	20	8	3	7	8	519	720	54	83 25	80	253 53	June 24, '05	Good	Yes	Jointly
Harmony	Brantford	188	11	17	12	15	4	3	7	1	19	923	34	103 20	40	276 00	Jan'y, 1905	Good	Yes	\$120 00
Acadia	Binbrook	53	1	1	2	8	...	1	1	1	19	...	16	5 00	15	52 00	June 24, '05	Good	Yes	800 00
St. Andrew	Hamilton	334	21	25	26	25	5	1	4	5	619	720	49	90 00	63	152 00	Dec. 27, '04	Good	Yes	Jointly
Valley	Caledonia	51	4	3	9	...	3	1	4	1	19	113	17	57 50	3	18 00	June 24, '05	Good	Yes	200 00
Dundas	Dundas	105	7	9	4	5	1	3	2	13	113	15	20	51 00	3	27 50	Dec. 27, '04	Good	Yes	Jointly
Dorion	Brantford	308	56	47	33	33	11	2	1	3	11	1829	45	25 00	55	128 75	Dec. 27, '04	Good	Yes	1200 00
St. Clair	Milton	94	9	8	7	6	1	2	...	12	4	16	31	...	31	124 50	June 24, '05	Good	Yes	300 00
Burlington	Burlington	86	2	6	7	11	1	1	1	1	12	518	28	50 00	20	55 25	June 24, '05	Good	Yes	300 00
Wentworth	Stoney Creek	130	20	20	14	16	1	...	...	13	923	25	75 00	20	45 00	Dec. 27, '04	Good	Yes	500 00	
Credit	Georgetown	86	6	5	6	12	...	3	...	1	14	416	25	35 00	4	27 04	Dec. 27, '04	Bright	Yes	500 00
St. George	St. George	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	Dec. 27, '04	Good	Yes	500 00
Beymour	Ancaster	94	11	10	11	11	...	1	...	...	13	114	27	16 00	26	64 25	Dec. 27, '04	Good	Yes	500 00
Dufferin	W. Flamboro	73	4	4	2	3	...	1	...	...	12	315	16	...	30	300 00	June 24, '05	Fair	Yes	500 00
Walker	Acton	49	4	5	3	5	...	1	...	...	13	315	19	...	5	19 50	June 24, '05	Fair	Yes	500 00
Temple	Hamilton	317	18	8	16	19	2	1	4	2	12	321	43	55 33	56	165 00	Dec. 27, '04	Good	Yes	Jointly
Waterford	Millgrove	67	18	10	6	7	2	1	1	9	12	518	18	108 00	55	180 00	Dec. 27, '04	Bright	No	150 00
Dorion	Hamilton	243	21	23	20	25	5	1	1	2	213	417	54	413 30	54	155 25	Dec. 27, '04	Excellent	Yes	Jointly
Oakville	Oakville	120	20	9	5	15	9	4	...	1	119	417	31	25 00	29	99 00	June 24, '05	Good	Yes	400 00
Dundurn	Hamilton	12	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	W. the Grand Master June 17, 1905	...	...	...

GEORGIAN DISTRICT, NO. 9.

*To the Most Worshipful the Grand Master, Officers and
Members of the Grand Lodge of A. F. & A. M. of
Canada, in the Province of Ontario:*

MOST WORSHIPFUL SIR AND BRETHREN :

I have the honor herewith to submit the annual report touching upon affairs Masonic in this district. With scarcely an exception the conditions are favorable, satisfactory and conducive to a personal feeling of pride in association therewith. This district is a trifle unwieldy for the D. D. G. M. to successfully visit the individual lodges, but the warmth of the welcome invariably extended fully compensates for all disadvantages. This district shows a gratifying increase numerically, and the qualifications of the new members are most satisfactory. Candidates for advancement are required to be thoroughly prepared in the necessary work. This character of work is to my mind prepared with the utmost care and fidelity. Not only the ordinary preparation is carefully gone over, but the working tools and a charge from the Constitution has been given by candidates for advancement. This is very creditable and satisfactory, and I hope the zeal and interest displayed will not be allowed to disappear.

It was my good fortune to secure the services of Rev. Brother Paul Jones, of Coronation Lodge, as District Chaplain, and Bro. T. W. Robbins, of Orillia, as District Secretary, both of whom have performed the duties most faithfully and are entitled to the commendation of the brethren of the district.

The older lodges are all in excellent condition with possibly one exception. The new lodges are doing splendid work, and the interest taken does not appear to be merely spasmodic, but healthy and vigorous. Every lodge in the district has been visited officially during my term of office. Two of them have received three visits and several of them twice.

The Semi-Centennial Fund is in very good shape at present. I am only sorry that it has not received the

unanimous support of every individual brother of the district. From the first of next year this fund will be increased more rapidly, as several lodges have for this purpose increased the amount of annual dues to be paid on or before December 27, 1905. Correspondence for the year has been very heavy owing largely to matters connected with the semi-centennial year.

Two lodges received visits from me at emergency meetings, not because of any request from me, but to better suit the convenience of brethren. Following is a detailed report of visits throughout the district:

Georgian Lodge, No. 348, Penetanguishene: This lodge was visited on the occasion of the regular meeting on October 6. Like my immediate predecessors, I visited Georgian Lodge first, not because of my desire to inflict first visits permanently upon our Penetanguishene brethren, but because an early date happens to suit them. I was introduced to the lodge by W. Bros. Wright and Martin and welcomed most warmly by the W. M., W. Bro. W. H. Hewson. This lodge is particularly fortunate in having the loyal support of several Past Masters, who retain sufficient interest to keep in close touch with the work of the lodge. The first degree was conferred in an admirable manner by W. Bro. Hewson, the second equally well by W. Bro. Kenny, ably assisted by W. Bros. Breed and Martin. The work was splendidly exemplified, all the charges being given in a manner calculated to convey to the candidate the impressive and beautiful features of our work. The financial condition of the lodge is good and the books are well kept. The future prospects are very bright. The presence of P. D. D. G. M. Dr. Raikes, of Midland, and his eloquent and timely remarks added materially to the pleasure of the evening. After the lodge work was completed a banquet was enjoyed at the Canada House, followed by a brief but excellent musical program by the brethren of the lodge, interspersed by the customary toasts.

Coronation Lodge, No. 466, Elmvale: I had the pleasure of visiting this young and prosperous lodge on the evening of October 7th as the official representative of the Most Worshipful the Grand Master. The lodge rooms are comfortable, commodious, and tastefully furnished. The books are well kept, the finances in good shape, and future prospects are very bright. The first

degree was conferred upon two candidates in a very creditable manner by the W. M., W. Bro. W. B. Lent. The work of the subordinate officers was also deserving of mention. The interest shown by all the brethren is of a very decided character. The candidates for advancement are all required to be thoroughly grounded in the work of preceding degrees. Great credit is due the W. M. for the zeal and energy he has displayed, and I have no doubt the officers who are eligible to succeed him will maintain the present efficient standard. On November 11 Coronation Lodge was constituted and consecrated, many of the prominent members of the Craft in this vicinity assisting. The attendance was very large and the impressive ceremonies were attentively followed throughout. After the ceremonies in the lodge room were completed the members of Coronation lodge gave a capital illustration of how the fourth degree should be worked. After enjoying a splendid banquet some excellent speeches were enjoyed and a short musical program. R. W. Bro. J. C. Morgan gave me the benefit of his experience and valuable assistance during the ceremonies of the evening and contributed materially to the success of the banquet from a musical standpoint also by an excellent speech. Other distinguished brethren present and assisting were R. W. Bros. Raikes, Sanders and Cowan, W. Bros. Wright and Hewson, Pentanguishene; Montgomery, Rev. Dr. Whitten and Marr, of Barrie; Fraleigh, Midland; Brown, Victoria Harbor, and Bro. Alfred Wilkes, Barrie. To these brethren and other visitors of the evening much of the success is due, and it is with pleasure that I make this acknowledgment thanking them for valuable assistance.

Lorne Lodge, No. 377, Shelburne: On December 2 I had the pleasure of visiting for the first time this lodge. My reception was most cordial. Bro. Babe was occupying the chair as W. M. for the last time, as the election of officers had occurred prior to my admission to the lodge, and Bro. Campbell, the S. W., had been elected to the east. W. Bro. Babe conferred the first degree in a very able manner, his excellent enunciation being particularly noticeable. The work of the subordinate officers was satisfactory in every detail, and from the able manner in which Bro. Campbell performed his duties as Senior Warden I am sure he will be a credit to the chair of King

Solomon. The lodge books and finances are in good shape and quarters well furnished and commodious. Later in the evening I was royally entertained by the brethren of the lodge and enjoyed a fine repast, followed by a short toast list. W. Bro. Douglas, one of the oldest members of the lodge, contributed to the enjoyment of the evening by a song and an excellent recitation.

Victoria Lodge, U. D., Victoria Harbor: This lodge was visited on the evening of December 6. The lodge rooms are small but very comfortably and tastefully furnished, showing very plainly the painstaking care which has been exercised by the brethren in beautifying their fraternal home. The books are excellently kept, the finances good, and future prospects are decidedly bright. Parts of the furniture and working tools were made by members of the lodge and are to say the least very creditable. The W. M., W. Bro. Brown, worked the first and second degrees in a most commendable manner, showing a complete mastery of the work. He was ably assisted by the two Wardens, both doing excellent work, and by the subordinate officers. I was introduced to the lodge by V. W. Bro. Hayden and W. Bro. Sheppard. The attendance was very large, including R. W. Bro. Raikes and about fifteen brethren from Midland. After the lodge room ceremonies the brethren adjourned to the hotel and enjoyed a splendid banquet, after which a pleasant hour was spent in listening to the remarks of the brethren present.

Kerr Lodge, No. 230, Barrie, was visited on January 16. I had expected a creditable exemplification of the work and I was in no wise disappointed. One candidate was initiated and the work of the W. M., W. Bro. Rev. Dr. Witten, was above criticism, his delivery and enunciation being simply perfect. He received perfect support from the subordinate officers, and the large number of brethren present had the pleasure of seeing the first degree presented in a clear and comprehensive manner. It would be easy to particularize, but where all the work was so excellent it is unnecessary. R. W. Bro. Morgan was unable to be present, much to the regret of all. He was, however, kindly remembered on several different occasions throughout the evening. The customary banquet was served at the close of the lodge room work, and a feature of the toast list was one which was drunk to the

absent honored brother, R. W. Bro. J. C. Morgan. Many of the brethren of Corinthian Lodge were present and contributed freely to the success of the evening. Bro. Pearce, of Orillia, assisted most acceptably in the musical portion and received the hearty thanks of the W. M. Others present were W. Bros. Green and Black, of Minerva Lodge; Bro. Carson, of Spokane Lodge; Bro. Bell, Coronation Lodge, and Bro. Partridge, of Santa Luta Lodge, Alberta.

Spry Lodge, No. 385, was visited on the evening of February 13. I was met at the station by W. Bro. McDonald, the W. M. of the lodge. The weather was severe in the extreme, and the attendance was not quite so large as otherwise would have been the case. The lodge room is nicely furnished and conveniently located. One candidate was initiated in a very satisfactory manner by the W. M., and he was well supported by his subordinate officers. The books were splendidly kept and finances in a satisfactory condition. While the future growth of this lodge will not be rapid the qualifications of the brethren are exceptionally good. After the work in the lodge room I enjoyed a dainty little supper most thoroughly, after which came the customary toasts and very eloquent remarks from the W. M. and W. Bro. Crystal, W. Bro. Bell and others.

Pythagoras Lodge, No. 137, was visited on February 17. On the festival anniversary of St. John the Baptist I had the pleasure of installing the officers of the lodge, and from my experience had anticipated an evening of pleasure and profit. In this I was not disappointed. The members of the lodge comprise the most influential men in the community and would be a credit to any lodge. My predecessor in office, R. W. Bro. Hammill, welcomed me and gave me a cordial introduction to the W. M., officers and brethren in lodge assembled. The W. M., W. Bro. R. F. White, raised a Fellowcraft brother to the rank of Master Mason in a most able and impressive manner, ably assisted by a most efficient corps of subordinate officers, every officer showing a most commendable knowledge of the work and most careful drilling of the details of floor work. The ballot was also taken upon an applicant for admission, and the good work of the Senior Deacon in this respect was noticeable. The lodge is in splendid shape and has excellent quarters, which

have been partly refurnished recently. Books are well kept and future prospects are excellent. After the lodge was closed the ladies were admitted to the banquet and a very fine musical program followed. I also visited this lodge at a later date, on the occasion of the annual Past Masters' night, when I had the pleasure of seeing some of the best work of my official year. Pythagoras lodge is certainly to be congratulated upon having so many Past Masters who take an active interest in the work. Space will not permit specific mention of those assisting, although the character of the work well deserved it.

Manito Lodge, No. 90, was visited on February 22nd, and was one of the memorable visits of the year. I was met at the station by the W. M., W. Bro. Johnson, and R. W. Bro. Toner and given a hearty welcome. My reception in the lodge room was also very cordial and the attendance large. Among the distinguished brethren present were R. W. Bros. Toner and Nettleton, and V. W. Bro. Rev. Mr. Mussen, Past Grand Chaplain. The lodge rooms are the largest in the district and well furnished. The books are admirably kept and the Secretary shows a perfect knowledge of his duties and thorough interest in his work. W. Bro. Johnson initiated a candidate to the mysteries of Freemasonry in a most impressive manner, the obligation being exceptionally fine. The subordinate officers gave him perfect support in every detail. Taken as a whole it was one of the best initiatory degrees I have seen in a year which has been almost remarkable for the character of work exemplified. After the lodge room ceremonies we enjoyed a substantial repast, followed by a short program consisting of speeches, songs and stories. A very pleasant feature was a recitation in dialect by the W. M., W. Bro. Johnson. The lodge is to be congratulated upon having such a commodious lodge room and magnificent banquet room in connection therewith fully equipped. This is not to be wondered at when the efficient tutelage to which the officers of Manito lodge have been subjected is taken into consideration, with so many brethren who have been honored so signally by the fraternity, the brethren of Manito lodge enjoy exceptional opportunities of which they take full advantage. The lodge is in a very comfortable position financially and has most excellent future prospects.

Simcoe Lodge, No. 79, was visited on the 27th of Feb-

ruary. This lodge being the oldest in the district is most naturally expected to present good work, and they faithfully fulfil expectations. I was introduced by R. W. Bro. Orton and W. Bro. Ogilvie, and received a cordial welcome from the W. M., W. Bro. Green. One candidate was initiated and a brother advanced to the Fellowcraft degree in a very able manner. Where the work is universally good it is useless to attempt to specifically enumerate the different points. It is sufficient to say that the W. M. most capably performed his duties, and his efforts were ably seconded by every subordinate officer. He was also assisted most acceptably by Immediate Past Master Foncar. The charge from the Book of Constitution was splendidly given by the Junior Warden, Bro. E. A. Collings. The lodge rooms are small but prettily furnished and show evidences of careful attention. The charter of this lodge has been through two fires, and is an object of great interest to visitors and to which the brethren of the lodge are deeply attached. The Secretary, W. Bro. Scanlon, is unquestionably one of the best officers in the district, and is a willing and tireless worker for the fraternity. The lodge finances are in good shape and future prospects good. The usual banquet was tendered and thoroughly enjoyed, I am sure, by every brother present. Speeches and songs marked the close of a very pleasant evening.

Corinthian Lodge, No. 96, was visited on the evening of March 2nd. Here again I expected nothing but the best of work, and experience amply justified my expectations. My reception by the W. M., W. Bro. Shrubsole, and the brethren present was flattering in the extreme. One candidate for the honors of a Master Mason was raised to that sublime degree, and the work admits of no criticism. The obligation by the W. M. was very impressively given. Every part of the evening's ceremonies showed conclusively that the W. M. was thoroughly conversant with the work. He was splendidly supported by the Wardens, and the floor work of the subordinate officers was perfectly performed. The attendance was good and the work received the careful attention of those present. Lodge books are well kept under the care of an efficient secretary and finances in excellent condition. Keer and Corinthian lodges meet in the same lodge room, and it is commodious and well equipped. A banquet was

served most acceptably at the close of the lodge room ceremonies. Following this a very pleasant hour was spent socially, and a number of good speeches were made by W. Bro. Rev. Dr. Witten, W. Bro. Marr, V. W. Bro. Wesley, W. Bro. Shrubsole, V. W. Bro. Hallett and others. A very good musical program was a feature.

Beaver Lodge, No. 234, was visited March 14th, and the same excellent character of work which had been my experience thus far was maintained. I was graciously presented to the W. M., R. W. Bro. Dr. Kent, and the brethren present by W. Bros. Dickinson and Pye and cordially received. The lodge room is commodious and comfortable and well fitted throughout. A special feature is the large number of pictures of Grand Lodge officers, past and present, which adorn the walls. The lodge is indebted, I believe, to W. Bro. Dickinson for his care and forethought in this matter. R. W. Bro. Dr. Kent worked a third degree to the satisfaction, I am sure, of every brother present, and he was most efficiently supported by the other officers of the lodge. It is greatly to the credit of R. W. Bro. Kent that he consented to again assume the duties of the Worshipful Master's chair. The brethren of the lodge are certainly to be congratulated. W. Bros. Pye, Pedwell and Rodgers also take great interest in the work of the lodge. The books kept by that tried veteran, W. Bro. Dickinson, are models of neatness, and the finances are all that could be desired. The customary banquet and toast list brought to a close a very pleasant evening. I am also indebted to the brethren of Beaver Lodge for a very pleasant evening on the occasion of their annual at-home and musicale, which was one of the most pleasant gatherings of its kind I have ever had the pleasure of attending.

St. George's Lodge, No. 88, and North Star Lodge, No. 322, were jointly visited on March 15. On this visit I was accompanied by several brethren from Pythagoras Lodge, Meaford. The attendance was very large indeed, and I was received most cordially by the brethren of the two sister lodges. After ordinary routine business had been transacted W. Bro. Harry Wright, the W. M. of North Star Lodge, assumed the gavel and worked the first degree in a most creditable manner. He was supported by his subordinates most acceptably, and this degree, taken as a whole, was one of the best I have seen.

W. Bro. McKenzie, the W. M. of St. George's Lodge, resumed his chair and conferred a third degree in a manner equally as impressive as that in which the first was conferred. His support was also of the highest order. I shall not particularize, but simply say that the work of the officers of both lodges was commendable in the highest degree. Convincing proof of this fact was given in the strict attention paid to the work notwithstanding the somewhat crowded condition of the lodge room. The books of both lodges are well kept and finances quite satisfactory. The lodge rooms were about to be remodeled, and when completed they will be exceptionally fine accommodations. Masonic conditions in Owen Sound are upon a broad fraternal basis, and future prospects would appear very bright. A fine banquet was enjoyed in the banquet room connected with the lodge, followed by a fine musical program interspersed with some excellent speeches. The customary toasts having been honored, and the musical program brought to a close the singing of "Auld Lang Syne," ended a very pleasant fraternal visit.

Orillia Lodge, No. 192, my mother lodge, was visited on March 17. Delegations from Midland and Barrie were present and the attendance was very large. Having had a hand in the furnishing of the lodge room I do not care to say too much about it. However, we think we are very well provided for in the matter of lodge furnishings and other paraphernalia. The financial condition of the lodge is most encouraging and future prospects are all that could be desired. The W. M., W. Bro. Rapley, initiated one candidate into the mysteries of Masonry in a commendable manner and received the highest praise from the visiting brethren present. His knowledge of the three degrees is complete and thorough in every detail. The charge from the Book of Constitution was given by W. Bro. Calverley most impressively. The W. M. of Orillia Lodge is fortunate in having two very capable Wardens to assist in the work. They are capable, painstaking and efficient. The other subordinate officers are equally deserving of praise. That the books are well kept by a most faithful and obliging Secretary is the universal testimony of the brethren of Orillia lodge. In working the fourth degree the fame of Orillia lodge is more than local, and the record of the evening fully main-

tained previous standards. The repast was elaborate, and was followed by a fine musical program interspersed with speeches and stories. A very pleasant feature of this part of the program was the presentation by Bro. D. L. White, Jr., of Midland, to Orillia Lodge, of a silver mounted gavel, suitably inscribed, made of marble taken from the ancient quarry of King Solomon. The visiting brethren contributed materially to the pleasure of the evening, and I am sorry not to be able to specifically enumerate the brethren, but space will not permit.

Manitoba Lodge, No. 236, was visited on March 21st. The absence of W. Bro. Mackay was a matter of personal regret and a disappointment to the brethren present. His work in this lodge has been an inspiration to the lodge which was shown in the work of the evening. The lodge furnishings are neat and appropriate. The W. M., W. Bro. Griffiths, worked a first degree most creditably, showing a perfect knowledge of his work. Bro. Sissons, the Senior Warden, was equally proficient in his work. In fact, all the officers acquitted themselves most creditably, which was more to be admired and commended because of the very few opportunities which the officers had to practice the work. The W. M. had unexpectedly removed to Toronto just after installment, and came up specially for this meeting. The books are well kept and finances good. After a nice supper a very pleasant social hour was spent, bringing to a close a pleasant and I trust a profitable evening.

Prince Arthur Lodge, No. 333, was visited April 14th. During the afternoon I had the pleasure of calling upon W. Bro. Blackburn, the honored Secretary of the lodge, who has been an invalid for many years. The loving kindness which W. Bro. Blackburn has received at the hands of his brethren is a living testimonial to the fraternity in Flesherton, and one which the afflicted brother never fails to mention most feelingly when talking to members of the Craft. My brief talk with him was certainly one of the pleasantest episodes in a very pleasant year. I was gracefully introduced to the brethren by W. Bros. VanDusen and Sproule and cordially received. The W. M., W. Bro. Wright, passed an Entered Apprentice to the Fellowcraft degree in a manner perfectly satisfactory. The degree work was delivered in a very clear and concise manner, with splendid emphasis and enuncia-

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tion. The W. M. was supported by a splendid corps of officers, all of whom performed their duties admirably. The attendance was good, and the whole evening's ceremonies were apparently much enjoyed by those present. Finances and lodge books are in excellent shape. The banquet was served in a room adjoining the lodge and was perfect in detail. The ladies who prepared this bounteous repast most thoroughly deserved the hearty vote of thanks which was tendered. A pleasant social hour brought to a close a very enjoyable day and evening.

Caledonian Lodge, No. 249, was visited on April 17th. I was accompanied to Midland by about thirty members of Orillia lodge and brethren from Penetang, Elmvale and Victoria Harbor were also present, so that the total attendance taxed the capacity of Caledonian's spacious lodge room. R. W. Bro. Raikes performed the introductory ceremony, accompanying it with a very graceful little speech, and the hearty reception was most gratifying. The W. M., W. Bro. Finlayson, welcomed me most cordially, and in every detail of the evening proved himself a most efficient presiding officer. The lodge was very pleasantly entertained by the interesting remarks of W. Bro. Fagar Shidle, of Pittsburg, Pa., who explained some of the differences in the manner of working degrees in Ontario and Pennsylvania. W. Bro. Finlayson then proceeded to confer the initiatory degree upon a most excellent candidate. His work was beautifully done, the delivery and enunciation being well nigh perfection. Caledonian lodge is to be congratulated upon having a Master of such brilliant and conspicuous ability. He was assisted by the subordinate officers most satisfactorily, and I am sorry that I am not able to give to each and every one the tribute of praise which is justly his due. The lodge room is beautifully furnished, books well kept, finances good and future prospects of the brightest. The banquet was an event which will long be remembered by those present. Sumptuous in itself, and followed by a really splendid musical program as varied as it was excellent. As toastmaster W. Bro. Finlayson was faultless, and many were the complimentary notices he received from speakers. The occasion will always have a special significance for me because the W. M., in behalf of Caledonian lodge, presented me with a signet ring, which will always be treasured for its happy associations. Capital

speeches were made by R. W. Bro. Raikes, W. Bros. Lent, Sheppard, Shidle, Jory, Wright and others. W. Bros. Robinson, of Penetang; Rapley, Alport and Cook, of Orillia, assisted the Midland brethren in the musical entertainment. It was one of the pleasantest fraternal evenings it has ever been my good fortune to enjoy.

Northern Light Lodge, No. 266, was visited April 18. This lodge is not blessed with a large membership, but has a very comfortable lodge room and is in fair condition financially. Stayner is a bright lively town, and I could not understand the low membership of the lodge. However, it is to be hoped that the future history of the lodge will prove entirely satisfactory and the brethren will work harmoniously and fraternally for the best interests of the Craft irrespective of numbers in membership. I was introduced to the W. M., W. Bro. Dr. Jakeway, by R. W. Bro. Saunders in a neat little speech, and was cordially welcomed. After the consideration of routine work the W. M. raised a candidate for advancement to the sublime degree of a Master Mason. His work was most excellently done. Indeed, from a dramatic point of view, I have never heard it excelled in my Masonic experience. He was splendidly assisted by the Wardens, both of whom performed perfect work. The other officers were quite efficient in their respective duties. W. Bro. Bell and Bros. Cooper, Harshaw and Kemble were present from Nitetis Lodge, Creemore. The lodge books are well kept by W. Bro. Bethune, who actively interests himself in all lodge matters. The financial condition of the lodge is fair. A nice banquet and social hour brought to a close a very enjoyable official visitation.

Seven Star Lodge, No. 285, Alliston, was visited April 19. Here I had a very enjoyable visit indeed. The ceremony of introduction was agreeably performed by V. W. Bro. Wright and W. Bro. Hipwell. The W. M., W. Bro. Gallagher, was absent in Manitoba, but the Master's chair was acceptably filled by the Immediate Past Master, W. Bro. Hutchinson. The attendance was very good indeed, and the interest shown of a decided character. W. Bro. Hutchinson conferred a first degree splendidly, and at its close was deservedly congratulated on all sides. For able assistance he is indebted to Bros. H. Norris, S. W., and Bro. Wallace, J. W., both of whom showed a thorough knowledge of the work of their respective

chairs. He was also well supported by the other officers. The books are well kept and finances exceptionally good, the lodge owning its own comfortable and commodious building, and the rooms are nicely furnished and conveniently arranged. A very nice supper and brief social program brought to a close an evening of exceptional pleasure, and the brethren of Seven Star Lodge are to be congratulated upon the future prospects of the lodge.

Tottenham Lodge, U. D., at Tottenham, was visited April 21st. They have a very pretty lodge room, centrally located and beautifully furnished for a new lodge, and the best part of it is everything is paid for and the lodge is not in debt. My reception was very flattering, and the attendance was large, including a goodly representation from Spry Lodge, Beeton. The work of W. Bro. McCabe, the W. M., was good, his knowledge of the work, in fact, was quite perfect. He initiated two candidates in a most satisfactory manner. The Senior Warden was absent, but his place was capably filled by the Secretary, Bro. Potter, who in addition to being a model Secretary has an excellent knowledge of the work in general. The other officers filled their respective stations creditably, and all in all the ceremonies were a decided success and showed careful preparation. The banquet served in the adjoining room was equally successful and thoroughly enjoyed. The prospects of the lodge are certainly good. Some excellent speeches by V. W. Bro. Crystal, W. Bros. McDonald and Chapin, of Beeton, and others marked the close of a pleasant evening.

Nitetis Lodge, No. 444, Creemore, was visited April 25th. My reception here was cordial in the extreme. The lodge room is just newly furnished and is complete in every detail, and compares favorably with any in the district, being large and well furnished. The books are well kept and finances in excellent condition. The Senior Warden was absent owing to illness in the family, and W. Bro. Hood capably filled the chair in the west. W. Bro. Bell, the W. M., conferred a third degree in a most impressive and dignified manner. His work was deserving of the many commendations it received. He was ably assisted by the other officers. In short, nothing in the nature of a criticism could be justly offered on the work presented during the evening. A supper followed which was thoroughly enjoyed. Remarks were made

by W. Bro. Ellis, Bros. Norris and Norton, of Alliston; Bro. Lount, of Peterboro, and W. Bros. Bell, Nidderie and Hood, of Nitetis Lodge. The Junior Warden's toast ended a pleasant fraternal event.

Minerva Lodge, No. 304, Stroud, was visited May 16. This lodge is certainly a credit to the district. The work is presented in a manner calculated to impress even the casual observer. The rooms are somewhat small in size, but comfortably furnished. The books are well kept and the finances excellent. W. Bro. Green, the Master of the lodge, initiated one candidate in a most able and impressive manner. Another first degree was conferred by W. Bro. Anson Black. Where both were good to a superlative degree comparisons are unnecessary. The Wardens both showed a thorough knowledge of their duties, and the same is true of the other officers. The attendance from Barrie was large, and the evening's ceremonies in the lodge room were thoroughly appreciated. The character of the work performed here speaks eloquently for itself. The banquet was prepared and served by the good ladies connected with the Ladies' Aid of the Methodist Church, and the after-dinner festivities were enlivened by their presence. No better banquet could be desired and no more pleasant social hour experienced than was enjoyed by the brethren on this occasion. Those who contributed to the success of the evening were deserving of the hearty thanks of all present. The evening with Minerva will ever be a pleasant memory.

Dundalk Lodge, No. 449, was visited May 17. The lodge room is very commodious and well furnished. The attendance, however, was small. As the expected candidate did not materialize a volunteer was utilized for the purpose of exemplifying the first degree. The work as presented showed lack of practice, that smoothness which is so essential to good work was absent. I have no doubt, however, that this will be rectified at once. Circumstances have been such that practices have been nearly impossible. The W. M., W. Bro. Roseborough, and his two Wardens are capable and anxious to do the work well, so that better things may be expected in the future. The Treasurer's books are not properly kept, but that also I was assured would be remedied at once. My visit was pleasant, and at a supper after lodge meeting I was

royally entertained. W. Bro. VanDusen has my thanks for his efforts in connection with my visit.

In closing I desire to thank the brethren of the district for the high honor they have conferred upon me and the many courtesies I have received at their hands. I sincerely trust that the past year's record may at least reflect no discredit upon him whom you named to represent the M. W. the Grand Master in Georgian District No. 9.

E. A. WAKEFIELD, D. D. G. M.,
Georgian District No. 9.

GRAND LODGE OF CANADA.

GRAND LODGE OF A. F. & A. M. OF CANADA IN THE PROVINCE OF ONTARIO.
Table showing the work done in Georgian District, No. 2, from June 24th, 1904, to June 24th, 1905.

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NIAGARA DISTRICT NO. 10.

*To the Most Worshipful the Grand Master, Officers and
Members of the Grand Lodge of A. F. & A. M. of
Canada, in the Province of Ontario:*

MOST WORSHIPFUL SIR AND BRETHREN :

I have the honor of presenting my report on the condition of Masonry during the past year in Niagara District No. 10, and in doing so permit me first to thank the brethren for the honor conferred and confidence reposed in electing me to the important office of D. D. G. M., and also for the courtesy, kindness and hospitality with which the officers and brethren of the various lodges throughout the historic jurisdiction of Niagara have invariably received me on my official visits.

I have visited each lodge once, and am pleased to report that without exception every lodge has enjoyed a prosperous year; even weak lodges situated in unprogressive or retrograde places have taken on new life in matters Masonic and have increased not only in membership but also in enthusiasm and zeal. The esoteric work has gained in uniformity and accuracy, but it is not perfect in every detail. For example, the candidates are not in many cases sufficiently drilled and grounded in their obligations, especially that of the third degree. Nor do they subsequently undergo any examination of this degree. But above all, they know but little about the connection and harmony of the various degrees, the meaning of any portions which are at all obscure, and they are ignorant in too many instances of the Symbolism of the royal art. These serious defects should be removed by proper discipline and frequent talks and essays upon the symbolism of the ritual. This attained, lodges should then strive to make the work impressive by paying attention to its elocutionary side. I am delighted to say that the musical service is growing in a number of the lodges. It imparts a marked degree of interest and color to the meetings. The active connection of the brethren cannot be expected to be retained unless the lodges seek to culti-

vate the social side of our institution as well as its nobler aspects.

SEMI-CENTENNIAL FUND.

Despite the many urgent appeals by Grand Lodge, as well as by myself, to the brethren of Niagara District, I regret that the response to these has not been what it should be. Two lodges, however, have done splendid work—McNab, Port Colborne, and Copestone, Welland. Every member of the former, owing to the efforts of its Immediate Past Master, W. Bro. Mathews, has paid the requisite amount. Why should not every Master have his lodge do likewise? It seems to me that the brethren should seize the opportunity presented by this very commendable enterprise of keeping up the traditions of the Order and justifying its lofty aims and noble aspirations.

I regret my inability to have a Lodge of Instruction, most of the lodges fearing, needlessly, the expense to be incurred. But as each lodge has had abundant practice during the year its absence has not been very keenly felt. Moreover, fraternal visits between lodges—a fair substitute for it—have been encouraged and have frequently taken place. They have been the means of producing uniformity and perfection in the work, and of engendering a social and fraternal spirit among the brethren.

I have received amended by-laws from Mountain Lodge, No. 221, Thorold; Niagara Lodge, No. 2, and St. John's Lodge, No. 35, Cayuga, and forwarded them to the Grand Master for his confirmation.

DISPENSATIONS.

Dispensations for the purpose of attending divine service clothed as Masons were granted to the following lodges: Clifton Lodge, No. 254; Mountain Lodge, No. 221; Amity Lodge, No. 32; Copestone Lodge, No. 373.

DEATHS.

I am called on to record the death of the following brethren: Bro. Thos. Ward, Clifton Lodge, No. 254, Niagara Falls, died October 25, 1904; Bro. James Barney, April 20, 1905; Bro. Thos. Jackson, Palmer Lodge, No. 372, Bridgeburg, December 21, 1904; Bro. Robert S. Ness, Temple Lodge, No. 296, St. Catharines, September 14, 1904; Bro. James H. Bessey, Maple Leaf Lodge, No.

103, St. Catharines, March 2, 1905; Bro. Robert Laurie, Maple Leaf Lodge, No. 103, St. Catharines, June 2, 1905; Bro. Alfred H. McLeod, St. Mark's Lodge, No. 105, Niagara Falls South, May 8, 1905; Bro. Geo. W. Woodruff, St. Mark's Lodge, No. 105, Niagara Falls South, February 10, 1905; Jehul Gallagher, St. Mark's Lodge, No. 105, Niagara Falls South, August 5, 1905; V. W. Bro. W. W. Brand, Amity Lodge, No. 32, Dunnville, November 30, 1904; W. Bro. George Collins, St. Mark's Lodge, No. 105, Niagara Falls South, September 11, 1904; W. Bro. John A. Marquis, Maple Leaf Lodge, No. 103, St. Catharines, February 13, 1905; W. Bro. William H. Bell, Myrtle Lodge, No. 337, Port Robinson, July 5, 1905; W. Bro. Dr. David Thompson, St. John's Lodge, No. 35, Cayuga, February 19, 1905.

VISITS.

Palmer Lodge, No. 372, Bridgeburg: My first official visit was paid to this lodge on September 27, 1904, at a regular meeting. The lodge was opened promptly on time, and the attendance, despite the warmth of the evening, increased from 30 at the opening to 70 at the closing, a large number of visiting brethren being present from Occidental and other lodges of Buffalo. There were also brethren present from St. Thomas and Beamsville. I was honored and delighted to have with me R. W. Bros. Simpson and Hurrell, P. D. D. G. M's, who by their wise suggestions and appropriate speeches contributed much to make the meeting successful and profitable. V. W. Bro. T. J. Wilbie, an enthusiastic and zealous craftsman, was present and assisted in the work. The Fellowcraft degree was accurately and impressively rendered by W. Bro. F. T. Pattison and his two Wardens, Bros. S. D. Ramey and C. Gilbert. Palmer lodge is in every respect in a very flourishing state. Its membership is being increased by good material, its finances are becoming quite strong, and a splendid Masonic spirit exists. The present quarters are inadequate for its increasing membership, and the brethren of Palmer are preparing to erect a building suitable to their growing needs. The dues are kept well paid. This gratifying feature is largely due to the painstaking efforts of W. Bro. Watts, than whom there is no better Secretary in Niagara District. At the close of the lodge a banquet was held in the adjoining

room and celebrated with much enthusiasm. The speeches were of a high order, all sounding the merits of Masonry and intended to promote its principles. Much fellowship prevailed.

Seymour Lodge, No. 277, Port Dalhousie: Visited this lodge officially December 19, 1904. As there was no work the lodge was opened and closed in the three degrees fairly well. The officers require that confidence and accuracy of work which come from frequent rehearsals. W. Bro. Crawford is an enthusiastic Mason, and with his ambitious staff of officers should do good work. I was pleased to note W. Bros. Henry, Green and Walton were keeping up close connection with their lodge and giving it the benefit of their experience. Seymour lodge is in a prosperous state, membership and finances growing apace, dues well paid. As an evidence of its prosperity the lodge room, at considerable expense, has been newly papered, painted and appointed. It now presents an attractive appearance. The prospects of this lodge are becoming brighter, and it is a vital force in disseminating true Masonic principles.

Niagara Lodge, No. 2, Niagara: Paid my official visit to Niagara Lodge, No. 2, on November 16, and was very cordially welcomed by W. Bros. Bottomly, Anderson and Brown. The work of the evening was an exemplification of the Master Mason's degree, which was accurately rendered by W. Bro. Brown, assisted by his Wardens, but, owing to the absence of the elocutionary effort lacked in impressiveness. The steps as part of the signs were somewhat overlooked, and a few other minor points, making for uniformity were being neglected. In the absence of the W. M., W. Bro. St. John, W. Bro. G. W. Brown, I. P. M., was in the east. I regretted very much the absence of W. Bro. St. John. This lodge, however, is experiencing a forward movement. It has made its home (which it owns) attractive by recent improvements and repairs. New regalia has been purchased and a modern electrical system has been installed. The average attendance is fair, though on my visit it was not representative. The dues are much better paid, an effort having been made successfully to collect arrears and to bring back suspended members. This lodge has the advantage of having a good number of P. M's, who keep up a close connection with the lodge. W.

Bros. Knox and Bottomly are ardent Masons, and have done much to put new life in Masonic matters and concerns of this very ancient lodge. A banquet was held and a sociable and profitable time was spent. The prospects of this lodge are growing brighter.

St. George's Lodge, No. 15, St. Catharines: I visited this lodge on the evening of Tuesday, December 20, 1904. Three M.M. degrees were exemplified by W. Bro. Harris, assisted by W. Bro. Maclaren. This is too much work for one meeting, especially on the occasion of a D. D. G. M.'s official visit. The lodge was not opened promptly on time as some of the officers were not present. This is a reprehensible practice and militates against attendance and interest. There was a large attendance of members and visiting brethren of the city and neighboring lodges. Among these were R. W. Bros. Robertson, of Temple Lodge, and Johnston, of Maple Leaf Lodge, St. Catharines, who introduced me in a truly Masonic manner. W. Bro B. J. Leubsdorf, of Maple Leaf, was present. This brother is a distinguished Mason and a skilled ritualist. I was delighted to note that the lodge room, owing to the conjoint action of the three city lodges, had been splendidly renovated and improved at no inconsiderable expense. It now has the attractiveness and status of a city lodge. That so much effort and expense have been exerted by the brethren of St. Catharines to beautify and adorn their Masonic home attests the unanimity and harmony that prevails among them. The work was only fairly well done; it lacked in several points uniformity, which I pointed out. No doubt W. Bro. Harris and his Wardens will improve with experience. The candidates were particularly bright, but were not tested thoroughly as to their knowledge of former degrees, for example were not required to give their obligations. W. M's should insist on each and every candidate knowing his obligation before advance, then there will be no necessity for vouching for brethren on their fraternal visits. A banquet was held in an adjoining room. It was enacted in an enthusiastic way, splendid menu, inspiring and appropriate speeches, abundant fellowship.

Ivy Lodge, No. 115, Beamsville: Visited January 27, 1905. Attendance large. A good number were present from Wentworth Lodge, No. 166, Stoney Creek, and from Union Lodge, No. 7, Grimsby. I was pleased once

more to meet one of my predecessors in office, R. W. Bro. Simpson. V. W. Bro. Ritchie was also present, and as usual took a prominent part in the proceedings. The work was the installation of officers. After this W. Bro. Kerr and His Wardens closed down the lodge in the three degrees without difficulty. These officers will do good work. This lodge is one of the most progressive in the district. Membership large and growing, finances sound, Masonic spirit vigorous and buoyant. The lodge room is commodious and well furnished; it presents an attractive appearance. There is one thing wanted to make it complete, and that is music. This should be an essential part of the ritual of every progressive lodge. The dues are fairly well paid. W. Bro. Meyers is an efficient Secretary. This lodge has done something for the Semi-Centennial Fund, but can do more. A sumptuous banquet was held in the lodge room. Splendid evening speeches and singing, story telling and speech making.

Clifton Lodge, No. 254, Niagara Falls: Visited at a regular meeting January 5, 1905. I was accompanied by 50 brethren from Mountain Lodge, No. 221, Thorold, who had been invited by their Clifton brethren to exemplify the third degree. It was done in a faultless manner. Clifton Lodge opened and closed in the first and second degrees in an accurate and careful way. W. Bro. Griffiths and his two Wardens, Bros. Carter and Herri-men, are good workers. Bro. Gray is a painstaking Secretary. Despite his efforts the arrears of dues is too great. The attendance was large and enthusiastic, taxing, in fact, the capacity of the lodge room. Many brethren were present from Niagara District, from Niagara Falls, N. Y., and Buffalo. These fraternal visits of lodges to exemplify the ritual are productive of much good, and are practical substitutes for Lodges of Instruction, reaching, as they do, a constituency denied the latter. I was pleased to observe the marked improvements made in the lodge room. The appointments are splendid and modern, the electric lighting perfect. The Sacred Symbol, however, is not fittingly fixed to the ceiling. There is no musical instrument, and music is not made a part of the ceremony. This lodge has now concurrent jurisdiction with St. Mark's Lodge, No. 105, Niagara Falls South since the Falls has reached the status of a city. Both lodges are growing rapidly in numbers. Clifton

lodge is called upon to meet many charitable demands owing to its border situation. St. Mark's should share in these.

Myrtle Lodge, No. 337, Port Robinson: Visited this lodge January 17 in company with W. Bro. R. Hoover, of Mountain Lodge, No. 221, Thorold. W. Bro. Hoover is a very zealous Mason and expert worker, in fact, a sachem. There being no work the lodge was opened and closed in the three degrees by W. Bro. Biggar, assisted by his two Wardens, in a fairly creditable manner. Some errors as to the arrangement of the lights and the steps were pointed out and corrected. W. Bro. Biggar and Bro. Clarke, Junior Warden, are energetic Masons, ambitious to excel in the ritual. They will doubtless improve the work of this lodge, which is one of the smallest in the district, but is experiencing a growing time and a Masonic revival. I was pleased to note four petitions at a recent meeting. Myrtle lodge, though small in numbers, is not wanting in enthusiasm. The brethren have spent considerable in furnishing and beautifying their lodge. Some furniture is still required, which no doubt will be supplied in due time. The prospects of this lodge are somewhat brighter, though it suffers much from the unprogressive state of the village where it is situated. The dues are well paid up and the finances are sound. Myrtle has done quite well for the Semi-Centennial Fund.

Union Lodge, No. 7, Grimsby: Visited this lodge January 19, 1905. There was a large attendance of members and visitors from neighboring lodges, including a strong representation from Wentworth Lodge, No. 166, Stoney Creek. These brethren have a very commendable social spirit, and contributed much by speeches and songs to the evening's entertainment. I was delighted to be honored with the presence of W. Bros. Simpson and Drope, P. D. D. G. M's of Niagara District, the latter of whom, along with W. Bro. Harrison, introduced me to the lodge in most appropriate terms and manner. The Fellowcraft degree was exemplified in a faultless way. In no lodge yet visited did I see the work so impressively and accurately rendered. The officers of this lodge are capable of excellent work, and aim rightly at an elocutionary effect. Their enunciation was very distinct and accurate—a feature largely due to the painstaking care of Bros. Drope and Harrison. This lodge is one of

the most progressive and is admitting some of the brightest and most promising young men of the community. The lodge room of Union is an attractive one, its walls beautifully decorated and embellished with pictures, illuminated by a splendid electric light system contributes much to this pleasant effect. This lodge has a choir, musical instrument, and music is a marked feature of its ceremonies. The attendance at its regular meetings is excellent, financial standing growing strong, dues are well paid. It was certainly a very great treat for me to visit this lodge and observe its many progressive features. The proverbial fourth degree was celebrated with much enthusiasm and pleasure, the speeches delivered taking a high plane and sounding the power and beauty of truly Masonic principles.

Maple Leaf Lodge, No. 103, St. Catharines: On January 27 I paid my official visit. The attendance was large and representative, many brethren being present from the city and neighboring lodges. I was accompanied by W. Bro. R. Shriner and other officers and brethren from Mountain Lodge, No. 221, Thorold. The work was an exemplification of the first degree, which was done by the W. M., W. Bro. Blaine, assisted by his efficient Wardens, in a very creditable manner, considering that this was the first practical work attempted by the newly installed officers. I was pleased with the accurate and impressive rendering of the Junior Warden's lecture. It called for much praise. The W. M. and the Junior Warden give promise of becoming expert craftsmen. This lodge should insist on candidates knowing thoroughly their obligations and questions before being advanced. There is a musical instrument, but it is not made part of the work. I am pleased to say W. Bros. Thompson, Gilmore, Leubsdorf, Past Masters of Maple Leaf, were present and gave part of the work. These brethren keep up a close connection with their mother lodge. W. Bro. B. J. Leubsdorf in particular never fails in attendance, and is a pillar of strength to his own and other city lodges. Maple Leaf has contributed largely to the delightful improvements made in the lodge room, raising it to the dignity and attractiveness of a city Masonic lodge. Some additions to the furniture, however, are yet required. The finances are in good condition, there being considerable surplus in the bank. Dues are quite well

paid. W. Bro. H. Johnstone, P. D. D. G. M., is a painstaking and capable Secretary. The banquet forms an important part in the Masonic life of this lodge, and usually inspiring and elevating addresses are given by many of its talented members.

Merritt Lodge, No. 168, Welland: Visited this lodge February 13, at its regular meeting. I was accompanied by W. Bro. J. Bottomly, of Niagara Lodge, No. 2, and Past Superintendent of the Chapter for Niagara District. He is an enthusiastic and advanced Mason. The attendance was good, despite the unfavorable weather. As there was no work I requested the W. M., W. Bro. Patterson, to open and close the lodge in the three degrees, which was done in a faultless manner. The firmness, tact and impressive delivery of W. Bro. Patterson will make him a successful Master. This lodge is progressive and securing a high class of applicants. It has added to the furniture and improved the appointments of its home. Its finances are in fairly good shape; the dues are kept well in hand by Bro. Coulson, who is a faithful Secretary. This lodge has not done as yet what it should for the Semi-Centennial Fund. I had the pleasure of meeting on this occasion one of my predecessors in office, R. W. Bro. John Crowe, who made some inspiring remarks at the banquet held at the close of the work. This function was marked by appropriate speeches, abundance of good fellowship and hospitality.

St. Mark's Lodge, No. 105, Niagara Falls South: Visited this lodge February 14 at a regular meeting, accompanied by W. Bro. J. Bottomly, of Niagara Lodge, No. 2. The attendance was large considering the extreme severity of the weather. W. Bro. Mitchell and his two Wardens exemplified the first degree in a charming manner. The rendering showed much spirit and impressiveness. W. Bro. Mitchell is a young man of energy and enthusiasm, and an ambitious ritualist. He is ably seconded by his Senior Warden. This lodge has made marked progress during the year. At every meeting there is abundance of work. W. Bro. Sloggett is its painstaking and accurate Secretary. He is a never-failing promoter of its highest and best interests. Music is made an important part of the ceremonies of St. Mark's lodge. Its lodge room is one of the best in the district. While much good work is being done in this lodge the

dues are being neglected somewhat, and while commendably mindful of its duties to the widow of a deceased brother it has not as yet done much for the Semi-Centennial Fund. The celebration of the banquet is a special feature of this lodge.

Mountain Lodge, No. 221, Thorold: Visited this lodge on Wednesday, 15th February. The attendance was exceptionally large, being the occasion of a return fraternal visit of Clifton Lodge, No. 254, Niagara Falls. The visiting brethren exemplified the Entered Apprentice degree in an accurate and inspiring way. W. Bro. Griffiths and his Wardens aim at impressive work. This, like all other fraternal visits of Lodges to do work, was productive of much good. It stimulates and renews interest and produces uniformity in the work. Too many of them cannot be held. A banquet followed the work—a splendid function—rendered delightful by speeches, songs and recitations. Mountain Lodge is progressive and possesses zealous ritualists in the persons of W. Bros. Hoover, Shmar and Monro. It is making some of the brightest young men of the town. Harmony and true Masonic spirit prevail. Its finances are buoyant, there being a good surplus in the bank, some of which should be devoted to the improvement and furnishing of the lodge room. Its altar and lighting call for change. The prospects of this lodge are bright in the extreme.

Copetstone Lodge, No. 373, Welland: Visited this lodge at regular meeting March 2nd. I was accompanied by W. Bro. R. Shriner, of Mountain Lodge, No. 221, Thorold. The attendance was large. I was honored again by the presence of W. Bro. J. H. Crow, P. D. D. G. M., and W. Bro. Vanatter. Copetstone Lodge is fortunate in having two such zealous craftsmen among many others. The first degree was exemplified by W. Bro. Pettit, assisted by his Wardens, in a fairly creditable way. The work in the main was accurate, but lacked somewhat in impressiveness arising from constant practice and elocutionary effort. This lodge has a well furnished and comfortable home. The spirits of the brethren are harmonious and enthusiastic for Masonic progress. The banquet which followed the work was a rare treat. A splendid address on the objects of Masonry was given by Rev. Bro. Johnstone, Senior Warden. Timely and stimulating remarks were made also by W. Bro. J. H. Crow. The songs

were appropriate and elevating; much fellowship and hospitality prevailed. Copestone lodge has done second to one in the district for the Semi-Centennial Fund, and has thus splendidly justified its existence as a subordinate lodge of Masonry imbued with a high sense of its mission. Owing to the faithful efforts of the very faithful Secretary, Bro. Thomas Mains, this lodge enjoys the proud distinction of having no arrears of dues. I was pleased to note the improvements made in the number and kind of lodge furnishings, and I anticipate under W. Bro. Pettit a year of marked success.

Enniskillen Lodge, No. 185, York: Paid my official visit to this lodge at a special meeting April 22. The attendance was fair. The work of the evening was the exemplification of the Master Mason's degree, and was done in a way that called for much praise by W. Bro. Renney, assisted by W. Bros. Brown, Mellon and Martindale. This lodge, though numerically weak, is strong in the ritual. The rendering of this sublime degree showed not only literal accuracy, but also strong impressiveness, the brethren evidently showing a desire of becoming proficient workers. This lodge is recovering from the losses sustained by fire a few years ago, and has improved considerably its furnishings and will do more along these lines. It is out of debt and has a good sum in the treasury. Though situated in a retrograde district it is sharing in the general Masonic revival of Niagara district and is growing. The prospects are bright.

St. John's Lodge, No. 35, Cayuga: Visited this lodge April 21st at a special meeting. The attendance was neither large nor representative, owing to the bad state of the roads and to social functions held in the town on the same evening. I was pleased to have present R. W. Bro. J. Hoshall, a distinguished brother of this lodge, who introduced me to the lodge in a truly Masonic manner and in felicitous terms. He made some very pointed and suggestive remarks. In the absence through illness of the W. M., W. Bro. Burns, W. Bro. Shepherd was in the east, and exemplified the Fellowcraft degree. The work showed some errors, arising from lack of practice. This lodge should devote more energy to the ritual and to an impressive rendering of the same. St. John's Lodge perhaps has the best appointments of any lodge in the district, but the attendance, as shown by the register,

does not disclose an enthusiastic interest in the work. My visit was rendered more enjoyable by a banquet held at the Campbell House. The function was marked by appropriate songs and speeches of a high order.

Amity Lodge, No. 32, Dunnville: I was welcomed to this lodge on May 26 by W. Bros. Aikens, Scholfield and R. W. Bro. Amsden. This is one of the most progressive lodges of the district. The attendance at this and its regular meetings was large, many brethren being present from Dufferin Lodge, Wellandport, and Macnab Lodge, Port Colborne. The work of the evening was an exemplification of the third degree, which was rendered fairly well by W. Bro. Aikens, assisted by R. W. Bro. Amsden. The junior officers are well skilled in their work. Rehearsals would, with very little effort, perfect the lodge work, and it would be well for the W. M's not to rely too much upon the splendid ritualism of R. W. Bro. Amsden. The finances of this lodge, though improving, are not strong, owing to the great arrearage of dues. I noted with pleasure a determination to recover these. R. W. Bro. Tipton, a veteran in Masonic ranks, was present, and assisted much to make the occasion pleasurable and profitable to all. Amity lodge during the year has added to its membership many young men of character and ability, which augurs well for its future.

Hiram Lodge, No. 319, Hagersville: Visited this lodge April 25th at a special meeting. The attendance was fair, several brethren being present from Jarvis, Caledonia and Paris. This lodge shows signs of growing interest, though there has been a lack of Masonic zeal and enthusiasm. The average attendance might be better. More care should be taken in the election of officers so that the country brethren might have a fair representation. In the absence of the W.M., who was away through illness, W. Bro. McDonald occupied the east and exemplified the second degree in a fairly accurate manner. His Wardens are careful workers and give promise of considerable success as ritualists. This lodge should get a lease of more suitable quarters and devote its attention particularly to its equipment with proper appointments. Several new members have been added during the year, and with more application on the part of the officers Hiram would make rapid strides. Bro. Howard is a care-

ful Secretary. In the future this lodge will advance much in every respect.

King Solomon Lodge, No. 329, Jarvis: I visited this lodge June 9. There was a good attendance of its members and much enthusiasm displayed in the work. This lodge shows substantial growth and has added to its membership some good material. Its lodge room, already large and well furnished, has been rendered more attractive by the addition of well appointed ante-rooms. I was pleased to note that music is about to be made a part of its ceremonies. The work of the evening was a passing, which was fairly well done. Some errors as to signs and steps were corrected as the work progressed. W. Bro. Parsons, a very enthusiastic Mason and a good worker, has occupied the oriental chair for three years and should give way to the good material that waits advancement. The dues are well paid, and Bro. Howell will doubtless prove a worthy successor to its veteran Secretary, the late Bro. Hill, who held that position for about a quarter of a century. I was pleased to have with me Bro. Jacques, P. D. D. G. M., who presented his mother lodge with a portrait of its late distinguished Secretary, Bro. Hill, in very happy terms. No more appropriate gift could be made to any lodge than this.

Macnab Lodge, No. 160, Port Colborne: I visited this lodge March 14th at a special meeting, by request. There was a large and enthusiastic attendance of members and visiting brethren. I was honored with the presence of my predecessor in office, R. W. Bro. Richard Mathews, who took part in the work and made some appropriate remarks. W. Bro. Pettit, of Copestone Lodge, Welland, also delighted the brethren with his suggestions and songs. The work of the evening was the first degree, which was rendered by W. Bro. Tuck and his Wardens in an almost perfect way. The exemplification showed much study and was impressive. The Junior Warden's lecture was delivered by Bro. Kinnear with much elocutionary effect and called for praise. Bro. Kinnear, a thorough student of Masonry, bids fair to become a splendid ritualist. This lodge is the banner one of Niagara district as far as the Semi-Centennial Fund is concerned, every member of which has subscribed and paid the requisite amount. This happy result is due largely to the unsparing efforts of its Immediate Past Master,

W. Bro. J. Mathews. This is a splendid exhibition of virile Masonry. The prospects of Macnab lodge are indeed bright. At the close of the work an excellent entertainment was given, at which appropriate speeches were made by the Past Masters, W. Bro. Pettit and Bro. Kinnear, who gave a scholarly address on Masonry as an ethical science.

Temple Lodge, No. 296, St. Catharines: I paid my official visit to this lodge April 23rd. My reception was most cordial. A large attendance of members—most of whom are enthusiastic Masons—and of visiting brethren from St. George's, Maple Leaf and Mountain lodges. I was again delighted by seeing W. Bro. B. J. Leubsdorf, a nestor in matters Masonic, who by request exemplified the tools of the first degree, which was the work exemplified on the occasion of my visit. W. Bro. Oldright and his Wardens did the work fairly well, considering the fact that they had been recently installed in office. By frequent rehearsals they will improve much. This lodge makes slow but very desirable growth, its members being particularly solicitous about the character of its members. W. Bro. Beaton is a careful and energetic Secretary. He deserves much credit for his work in collecting the arrearages of dues. I regret that this and the other lodges of St. Catharines have not taken hold of the Semi-Centennial Fund and promoted it as they should. I was pleased to note that Temple Lodge has contributed largely towards the proper furnishing of the lodge room jointly occupied by the three city lodges.

King Edward VII. Lodge, working under a dispensation. A petition praying for a dispensation to be issued to hold a Masonic lodge at Chippewa, to be known as King Edward VII., was sent to me by brethren resident at that place to the number of eighteen. I visited that place and found a growing village, situated near the great development of electric power at Niagara Falls and bound to share in the industrial prosperity arising therefrom. I found in Chippewa a fair number of enthusiastic Masons anxious to enjoy the privileges arising from a Masonic lodge existent in their midst. It is true St. Mark's Lodge, No. 105, is contiguous, and many of the petitioners are members thereof, yet owing to the peculiarities of their situation it is impossible for them to enjoy especially the social advantages of Masonic member-

ship. Considering all the circumstances of the case, more particularly the material prosperity and progress surely to fall to the lot of Chippewa in a short time, and the fact that the brethren of St. Mark's, the nearest lodge thereto, were willing that the dispensation should be granted, I recommended to the M. W. the Grand Master that the prayer of the petitioners should be granted. He was pleased to issue the dispensation and commissioned me to organize them into a lodge of Masons. King Edward VII. started with a membership of eighteen zealous Masons, which has increased to thirty. The W. M., W. Bro. G. H. Brown, an old Past Master of York Lodge, is thoroughly posted in his work and vigilant lest an error should pass uncorrected. The Secretary, Bro. H. McKenzie, is a Mason of sterling character and very faithful to his duties. Its Wardens, Bros. Beamish and Mope, are ambitious to excel as ritualists. Subsequently I visited the lodge, accompanied by W. Bro. J. Bottomly, of Niagara Lodge, No. 2, and witnessed the third degree exemplified by W. Bro. Brown in a perfect manner. The rendering, in fact, was as good if not superior to any that I have seen in the district. One very praiseworthy feature was the thoroughness with which the candidate was trained in his obligations. The candidate, Bro. Pearce, was a particularly bright young man, and gave his obligation accurately and impressively. Music was made a part of the work. As far as conferring the work properly is concerned there can be no anxiety about King Edward VII. lodge. The attendance was large, there being many brethren present from Buffalo and Niagara Falls, N. Y. After the close of the work a sumptuous repast was given. Much Masonic zeal and enthusiasm were created by the many timely and inspiring remarks of the various speakers. The prospects of having a growing and useful lodge at Chippewa are indeed bright.

In conclusion I must express my thanks to the Secretaries of the various lodges for their promptness in sending me the information required and necessary. An efficient secretary contributes greatly to a lodge's welfare, and the work done by him is often not appreciated by the ordinary member. No district, perhaps, can have a more intelligent and faithful corps of secretaries than has Niagara No. 10. I wish again to thank the brethren for their kindness and courtesy to me and to bespeak for my

successor, whoever he may be, the same kind and courteous treatment as has been extended to me. The year has been profitable to me in having, as I have said, the privilege of meeting the splendid set of sterling men ever to be found in Masonic lodges, in expanding my mental horizon, and in developing and strengthening my moral and social nature. My only hope is that my efforts, feeble and insignificant as they have been, will not fail of some good and lasting benefit to the brethren.

All of which is fraternally submitted.

W. F. BALD, D. D. G. M.,
Niagara District No. 10.

GRAND LODGE OF A. F. & A. M. OF CANADA IN THE PROVINCE OF ONTARIO.
Table Showing the work done in Niagara District, No. 10, from June 9th, 1904, to June 24th, 1905.

Number of Lodge.	NAME OF LODGE.	LOCATION.	Mem- bership		Degree's Conf'd			Affiliations.	Restorations.	Resignations.	Suspensions, N. P. D.	Suspensions, other causes.	Deceased.	Meet- ings held.			Average attendance of members.	Amount paid for relief.	No. of members 12 months in arrears.	Total of all arreages.	Date of last C. L. Return.	Financial Standing.	Prospects of Lodge.	Can W. M. work all degrees.	Insurance.	
			Total No. of all Mem.	Increase during year.	Decrease during year.	E. A.	F. C.							M. M.	Regular.	Emergent.										Total.
338	Dufferin ...	Wellandport...	56	6	...	6	4	...	...	...	...	...	...	11	4	15	23	...	10	\$160 00	June 24, '05	Good	Good	Yes	\$120 00
277	Seymour...	Port Dalhousie	46	1	...	4	4	...	...	...	...	...	...	13	...	13	17	...	7	28 00	Dec. 29, '04	Good	Good	Yes	400 00
105	St. Mark's.	Niagara Falls S.	102	16	...	19	16	15	2	1	2	...	4	14	7	21	31	\$30 00	9	145 00	Dec. 27, '04	Good	Good	Yes	400 00	
115	Ivy	Beamsville.....	93	9	6	8	6	6	1	4	1	...	1	13	2	15	25	112 60	5	14 25	Dec. 27, '04	Good	Good	Yes	1500 00	
372	Palmer.....	Bridgeburg ...	84	13	2	12	9	9	1	...	...	...	1	13	14	27	21	25 00	2	11 25	Dec. 27, '04	Good	Good	Yes	400 00
254	Clifton	Niagara Falls .	134	14	7	14	13	15	...	1	4	...	2	14	5	19	36	210 55	4	43 00	June 24, '04	Good	Good	Yes	750 00	
185	Enniskill'n	York	97	2	2	2	2	2	...	2	...	...	...	12	4	18	14	5 00	16	53 50	Dec. 27, '04	Fair	Good	Yes	200 00
236	Temple	St. Catharines.	61	3	...	6	6	7	...	2	...	...	1	13	1	14	14	...	17	64 00	Feb. 23, '05	Good	Good	Yes	1400 00
373	Copestone.	Welland.....	60	...	2	4	5	6	...	5	1	...	...	12	3	15	17	15 00	8	15 00	Dec. 27, '04	Fair	Fair	Yes	400 00
168	Merritt.....	Welland	94	10	2	9	5	4	1	2	...	...	...	14	5	19	20	...	16	105 90	Dec. 27, '04	Good	Good	Yes	300 00
102	Maple Leaf	St. Catharines.	156	15	17	17	20	2	2	1	2	...	3	14	10	24	26	30 00	21	275 00	June 24, '04	Good	Bright	Yes	300 00	
35	St. John's .	Cayuga	62	4	7	2	2	1	1	3	...	...	1	16	1	16	11	...	18	75 00	Dec. 27, '04	Fair	Fair	Yes	400 00
337	Myrtle	Port Robinson	38	10	...	8	7	3	1	...	...	...	...	10	4	14	11	...	5	15 00	Dec. 27, '04	Good	Fair	Yes	...
32	Amity	Dunnville	96	12	9	8	7	11	1	3	3	...	2	12	19	31	26	25 00	1	3 00	Jan. 24, '05	Good	Good	No	500 00	
221	Mountain .	Thorold	98	13	13	15	12	...	4	1	...	...	1	14	7	21	25	...	...	...	Dec. 27, '04	Good	Good	Yes	500 00
7	Union	Grimsby	83	9	1	8	8	5	1	...	...	...	...	13	1	14	27	5 00	10	67 77	July, 8, '04	Good	Good	Yes	500 00
15	St. George.	St. Catharines.	103	...	1	4	5	11	...	2	...	1	1	14	...	14	21	65 00	40	310 00	June 24, '05	Good	Good	Yes	300 00	
169	Macnab ...	Port Colborne.	68	5	1	2	2	2	2	1	...	...	...	11	2	13	12	10 00	6	45 00	Dec. 27, '04	Good	Good	Yes	400 00
2	Niagara ...	Niagara	68	3	2	2	2	5	3	1	1	...	...	10	...	14	16	20 00	12	123 50	Dec. 27, '04	Good	Good	Yes	1600 00
319	Hiram	Hagersville	39	1	...	...	2	2	2	1	...	...	...	12	2	14	10	...	11	97 00	Dec. 27, '04	Fair	Fair	Yes	200 00
329	K. Solomon	Jarvis	60	9	3	7	7	7	1	1	...	...	1	12	1	13	22	...	7	101 25	Dec. 27, '04	Good	Good	Yes	700 00

TORONTO DISTRICT NO. 11.

To the Most Worshipful the Grand Master, Officers and Members of the Grand Lodge of A. F. & A. M. of Canada, in the Province of Ontario:

MOST WORSHIPFUL SIR AND BRETHREN :

I beg to submit herewith my report upon the condition of Masonry in the above district during the past year. In the first place I wish to express sincere thanks to my brethren for unanimously electing me to represent the M. W. the Grand Master in this district, and for the uniform countesy, kindness and consideration with which I have invariably been treated.

Although the duties I have endeavored to perform have been a heavy tax on time and strength, yet the labor has been one of love, and if my efforts have been of any benefit to others, as they certainly have been a pleasure to me, I shall feel amply repaid. I am conscious of many shortcomings and deficiencies, but I would ask the indulgence of my brethren in regard to these, for I can assure them my aim has been to do what I believed to be right so far as my opportunities and abilities would permit. And I wish very especially to thank such brethren as R. W. Bros. Geo. Tait, Aubrey White, Dr. A. F. Webster and J. E. Francis, P. D. D. G. M's, V. W. Bro. E. M. Carleton, District Secretary, and many others whose names I should like to mention if space permitted, for their kindness in sometimes visiting with me, and in showing at all times the utmost readiness to assist me with their knowledge, advice and experience.

Shortly after being placed in my present official position I sent out a circular to all the lodges in the district notifying them of my election, and thanking my brethren for the confidence they had placed in me. I also appointed V. W. Bro. E. M. Carleton, a P. M. of Wilson lodge, my secretary, and I am glad to have this opportunity of stating that no D. D. G. M. ever had a better. He accompanied me on many of my official visits, and rendered, most cheerfully, valuable assistance in many

ways. I visited every lodge in the district at least once, and many of them two and even three times, and I feel bound to say that I consider the general condition of Masonry throughout this district to be nothing short of excellent. The officers and members of the various lodges are drawn from the very best classes in the community and would reflect credit on any institution. Candidates are flocking in, but due care is, in most cases, being exercised, and the high standard of the past is being fully maintained. I should like, however, to give a word of caution in this regard, for I can readily believe that a tendency may develop to consider quantity rather than quality. Owing to the abounding prosperity of this glorious young country of ours I do not think the lodges have been called upon to disburse very much in charity, but so far as I have been able to learn every proper call has been promptly responded to.

Of the ritualistic work I can scarcely speak too highly. It has reached a level of excellence which I do not think can reasonably be expected to be much improved. There are, of course, some exceptions, but these are, I think, almost wholly due to lack of opportunities for practice, for I believe that honest effort has been put forth in every instance. In this connection I would repeat, what I have said more than once on my official visits, that every set of officers should see to it that one or more degrees should be exemplified at every meeting unless some other form of instruction or entertainment were specially provided. If no candidate is available surely a volunteer can always be found. It cannot be expected that brethren, particularly in the county, where many have to travel long distances to reach the lodge room, should come out regularly unless they feel reasonably certain there will be something for them to do, or hear, or see, when they get there. I feel strongly on this point and hope some attention will be paid to my suggestions.

So far as the Semi-Centennial Benevolent Fund is concerned I am forced to confess to some degree of disappointment. A few of the lodges have done magnificently, *e. g.*, Ashlar and Zetland, and others in proportion to their wealth and numbers, but there has been a good deal of indifference, and that, too, where, in my opinion, it should not have been displayed. As instructed by the Central Committee of Grand Lodge I appointed a Dis-

strict Committee composed of faithful and zealous brethren. I think they have almost all done everything in their power, and personally I have done what I could, both by voice and pen, but the results in many cases have been rather discouraging. However, difficulties were made to be overcome, and perseverance will yet, I am convinced, result in almost every lodge giving a good account of itself before the allotted period of three years from July, 1904, has expired. I think every lodge in the district is working in perfect harmony, and the warmest hospitality and most abounding good fellowship prevails.

Peel lodge, under dispensation, is doing splendidly and should, in my opinion, get its warrant.

I had the pleasure of inaugurating a new lodge, named Victoria, in the town of Toronto Junction. As will be seen from a subsequent part of this report, it is starting with the most encouraging prospects and brightest of outlooks.

As many of my predecessors have done, I would refer to the time of election of officers in private lodges. In my opinion these should all take place in May. If any action on the part of Grand Lodge be possible in this matter I hope it will be taken without any avoidable delay.

VISITS.

King Solomon's Lodge, No. 22, Toronto; W. Bro. Frank Maile, W. M.: I inspected the work of this lodge at the regular meeting held on the 9th of March. There was a good attendance of members and visitors, the latter including W. Bro. Jas. Haywood, W. M. of Zetland Lodge; W. Bro. R. F. Segsworth, W. M. of Wilson Lodge; W. Bro. B. Cairns, W. M. of Orient Lodge; R. W. Bro. J. B. Nixon, P. D. D. G. M., and V. W. Bro. E. M. Carleton, District Secretary. I was very sorry that that distinguished Mason, and one of the towers of strength to this lodge, R. W. Bro. Aubrey White, P. D. D. G. M., was unable to be present. However, I had the pleasure of seeing him install the officers of this lodge last December in that dignified and impressive manner which characterizes all his work. The first degree was well given, after which R. W. Bro. Nixon delivered a most interesting and impressive address on the Semi-Centennial Benevolent Fund, which was listened to with great attention and which I am sure will have a good effect. I have,

however, no report as to what the lodge has done regarding this fund, but I understand a considerable amount has been raised. The finances are improving, the books well kept, and the prospects are good. A very enjoyable hour was spent at the refreshment table. Since the above was written I learn with very great pleasure that this lodge has paid in the sum of \$185.50 to the S. C. B. Fund, and in addition \$363.50 has been subscribed.

Vaughan Lodge, No. 54, Maple; W. Bro. James B. MacLean, W. M.: I officially visited this fine old lodge on the 18th of April. My secretary, V. W. Bro. E. M. Carleton, accompanied me. The lodge was also favored with the presence of R. W. Bro. J. E. Francis, P. D. D. G. M., the W. M's of Patterson, Robertson and Richmond lodges, and several other visitors. There was likewise a good number of members present. The candidate who was expected having failed to appear, W. Bro. David Couper offered to act in that capacity, and the first degree was exemplified by W. Bro. MacLean and his officers in a manner that simply delighted me. It frequently happens that where, as has been the case in this lodge for the past few years, but few candidates offer themselves, the officers; through lack of practice grow a little rusty and the work is not always well done, but that was not the case here. Although this was the first time the W. M. had conferred the degree the work of himself and his officers was second to none in the district. I shall be surprised if W. Bro. MacLean does not yet rise considerably higher in Masonry. The J. W's lecture was splendidly given, and it was a rare treat to hear the charge from the Book of Constitution delivered by that grand old Mason, W. Bro. A. Carley, a P. M. of Robertson lodge, but who first saw light in Masonry in Vaughan lodge. W. Bro. Leeds Richardson, the Secretary of this lodge, is another Mason of long standing and a most efficient officer. He takes great pleasure, and justly so, in showing the old dispensation and other records, most carefully preserved, of the time when this lodge worked under the Grand Lodge of Ireland. The brethren own their lodge room free of debt. The financial standing is good, and though the membership has not increased very rapidly of late years the prospects in this regard are brighter, and what, in my opinion, is far more important, the material now in the lodge is of the very best character, and to maintain

this standard is, I think, a much more worthy object to strive for than mere augmentation of numbers. The ladies of Maple, as is their custom on an occasion of this kind, provided a really magnificent banquet, and by their presence, and the songs they so kindly rendered, added greatly to the pleasure of the fourth degree and made the occasion one of the most enjoyable I have ever experienced. Only one lodge in the district (Robertson) has similar good fortune in having the assistance of their lady friends, and I would suggest to the others the desirability of following the example of these two lodges if possible. This lodge, owing principally to the personal efforts of W. Bro. MacLean, has done splendidly for S. C. B. Fund, every resident member having subscribed and paid. To conclude, there is no lodge in the district I can speak more highly of than Vaughan.

Rehoboam Lodge, No. 65, Toronto; W. Bro. R. C. Harris, W. M.: I visited this lodge in my official capacity on the 4th of May and spent a most enjoyable evening. There was an unusually large attendance of both members and visitors, the latter including R. W. Bros. Wm. Roaf, K. C., Aubrey White, Geo. S. May, M.P.P. of Ottawa, and Campbell, of Drayton, all P. D. D. G. M's; V. W. Bro. E. M. Carleton, District Secretary, and W. Bros. Burwash, Segsworth, Haywood, Schoff and Davies, W. M's respectively of St. Andrew's, Wilson, Zetland, St. George and Harmony lodges. The first degree was exemplified in an exceptionally able manner, W. Bro. Harris having the presence, the voice and the elocutionary power necessary to make the ritualistic work as impressive as it should be. All the officers did well, but I wish specially to mention Bro. John O'Connor, who delivered the J. W's lecture in a manner I have never seen excelled. W. Bro. Geo. H. Mitchell is a model Secretary, and his books could not be better kept. W. Bro. Andrew Park, G. S. D., is also a P. M. of this lodge. He is a Mason whom I have learned to esteem very highly in the short time I have known him, and I trust, for the sake of Masonry, that he will yet rise much higher. The financial standing is first class and every prospect encouraging. A splendid banquet was given after the regular work of the evening. I do not think I ever heard a finer selection of good old songs, and some of the addresses were excellent. I regret to say that this lodge has taken a strong stand in

opposition to the S. C. B. Fund. No doubt the reasons given for this attitude are satisfactory to the brethren, but in my humble opinion they are overlooking or ignoring more important considerations, and, particularly in view of the fact that this lodge because of its members, wealth and position, and the high character of the men who compose it will, no doubt, exercise a very strong influence upon other lodges, I do hope and trust that Rehoboam will yet come to view this matter in a different light. Notwithstanding the action of the lodge, however, I am pleased to report that many of the individual members have contributed liberally to this fund, which, under the circumstances, I consider particularly creditable on their part. I had previously visited this lodge on the 3rd November, the occasion being a reception to M. W. Bro. Benjamin Allen, G. M., and the P. M's night. I shall not attempt to go into details regarding this splendid gathering, but certain it is I never attended a better. The ranks of this lodge I sincerely regret to say have been greatly thinned by death during the past year. I shall here only mention the name of one of the brethren who have passed away, that of V. W. Bro. E. F. Clarke, M.P. He was the senior member on the roll of this lodge at the time of his death, and he left no better man or truer Mason behind him. Not Masonry alone, but his fellow citizens and all classes of Canadians will long mourn the sudden and untimely death of V. W. Bro. Clarke.

Wilson Lodge, No. 86, Toronto; W. Bro. R. F. Segsworth, W. M.: I made my official visit to this lodge on the 21st of March and had the pleasure of being introduced in company with R. W. Bro. J. J. Thompson, D. D. G. M. of Toronto District No. 11a. There was a good turnout of members and an unusually large number of visitors, including R. W. Bro. Aubrey White, P. D. D. G. M.; V. W. Bro. Andrew Park, G. S. D., and the W. M's of no fewer than eight visiting lodges. Three candidates received the first degree, the work being creditably done, particularly that of the J. W., Bro. J. S. Simmons, who gave the lecture in a manner I have never seen excelled. I am glad to mention also that owing to this brother's kindness in supplying large quantities of flowers the lodge room presented a most beautiful appearance. I was very pleased to meet in this, his mother lodge, my Secretary, V. W. Bro. E. M. Carleton, who is most active in all that

pertains to the best side of Masonry, and is evidently immensely popular with his brethren. W. Bro. Segsworth is a most efficient and energetic W. M., the Secretary's books are well kept, and the outlook for the future very encouraging. This lodge has been active in regard to the S. C. B. Fund, \$100 having been paid to the Grand Secretary, and considerably more than this sum subscribed. V. W. Bro. Carleton has personally given the matter a great deal of time and attention. I also had the pleasure of visiting this lodge on the evening of the 18th October, when a most magnificent reception was given to the M. W. the Grand Master. Since writing this report I have learned with much pleasure that Wilson lodge has paid over \$200 to the S. C. B. Fund, and a further amount has been subscribed.

True Blue Lodge, No. 98, Bolton; W. Bro. Dr. W. F. Hackett, W. M.; I made my official visit to this lodge on the 28th of October, accompanied by my secretary, V. W. Bro. E. M. Carleton. There was not a large attendance of members, but during the evening a number of visiting brethren arrived from King and Tottenham, among the latter being W. Bro. McCabe, W. M. of Tottenham lodge and also a P. M. of this lodge. There have been large drafts from the membership of True Blue Lodge lately, chiefly owing to the formation of Peel Lodge in Caledon East and Tottenham Lodge in Tottenham. The lodge has also been handicapped for the last two or three years by the fact that the W. M. for the time being has not resided in Bolton, thus making it very difficult to secure that earnest and hearty co-operation which is so essential. There being no candidate the W. M. and his officers, at my request, opened and closed in the three degrees, the work being only fairly done, this being, I am sure, largely due to the fact that this was the first regular meeting after the installation of the officers, and there having been no opportunity for rehearsal. At this point the visitors arrived and W. Bro. Leavens, who is always ready to assist in any way, offered himself as a candidate and the first degree was exemplified, the work in this instance being much better. W. Bro. Bolton is a splendid Secretary, a most genial man and excellent Mason. The lodge building is owned by the brethren free of encumbrance, and there is no more attractive Masonic home in the district. A very enjoyable banquet was held, and I

have never had the pleasure of meeting a finer or more sociable lot of brethren, W. Bro. Hackett being a most genial and in fact an ideal host. A good committee has been appointed to canvas subscriptions for the S. C. B. Fund, but at time of writing I am not aware what success has been met with. Notwithstanding the temporary difficulties I have referred to I have no fear for the future of True Blue Lodge.

Union Lodge, No. 118, Schomberg; W. Bro. Francis Attridge, W. M.: I visited this lodge on the evening of the 24th of October, having the pleasure of being accompanied by R. W. Bro. J. E. Francis, P. D. D. G. M. of this district, and Bro. Geo. Barron, of Ashlar lodge. There was a good attendance of both members and visitors, the latter including W. Bro. McCabe, W. M. of Tottenham lodge. Two candidates were initiated in a satisfactory manner, considering that the officers had not had much opportunity for practice. There is a very fine spirit pervading this lodge, largely owing to the work of W. Bro. Dr. Brereton, for many years its Secretary. His books are models. There was a time when candidates were scarce, but a number have presented themselves lately and the prospects are quite bright. The brethren own their own building free of debt. There are some interesting and curious things in the lodge room, including a beautifully engraved and framed list of the officers for a number of years past, and some very fine carving on the officers' chairs, both done by former members of the lodge. A very enjoyable banquet was held after the regular work of the evening. Fifteen dollars has been paid into the Semi-Centennial Benevolent Fund, and more is promised. The lodge lost by death during the year Bro. Arthur Armstrong. He was buried by Union at Lloydton with Masonic honors.

York Lodge, No. 156, Eglinton; W. Bro. W. S. Dalby, W. M.; The occasion of my last official visit was to this historic lodge on the 16th of June. I had the pleasure of the company of my Secretary, V. W. Bro. E. M. Carleton, and among the visitors I was delighted to greet W. Bro. J. C. West, W. M. of Occident, my mother lodge, together with two of his P. M's, W. Bros. T. Barber and W. J. King, and a number of his members, also W. Bro. Shoff, W. M. of St. George Lodge, with P. M's Frank Saunders and Geo. K. Clemens and several of the rank

and file. There was also a goodly number of York's own members present. The first degree was exemplified by W. Bro. Dalby and his officers, assisted to some extent by some of the P. M's in a satisfactory manner, after which a most enjoyable hour was spent at the refreshment table. The members of York are about as jovial and hospitable a set of brethren as I have had the pleasure of meeting for some time. W. Bro. Wm. Duncan is an ideal Secretary, and there is a very fine body of P. M's connected with this lodge, among whom my old friend W. Bro. R. J. Gibson stand conspicuous for his untiring zeal and energy in the interests of his lodge. Concurrent jurisdiction with the city lodges, which was granted to York by Grand Lodge at its meeting in Brockville in July, 1904, has proved an inestimable blessing to this lodge, and its progress since has proved the wisdom of Grand Lodge in granting the request. This lodge has been active in the interests of the S. C. B. Fund, owing largely, I understand, to the efforts of V. W. Bro. Chas. E. Norris. More than \$100 has been subscribed and paid.

Ionic Lodge, No. 229, Brampton; W. Bro. W. J. Fenton, W. M.: I officially visited this lodge on the 21st February, and I want to say at the outset that I enjoyed none of my official visits more than this. I was accompanied by my secretary, V. W. Bro. E. M. Carleton. There was a good turnout of members and visitors. The third degree was exemplified in a manner which, considering the size and appointments of the lodge room, I have never seen excelled. There is a particularly efficient set of officers in charge of this lodge at the present time. They are men of refinement and culture, and one could feel that every word of this beautiful degree was thoroughly understood and appreciated by them. The way in which they put on the work was a genuine pleasure to me. This lodge also has the good fortune of having as its Secretary R. W. Bro. W. H. McFadden, K. C., P. D. D. G. M. of this district. He is a most genial and hospitable man and a splendid Mason in every respect. His books are faultlessly kept. I would also specially mention V. W. Bro. Adam Morton, that grand old man and Mason, who was Secretary of the lodge for many years, and still attends regularly. The membership is steadily increasing, the finances in good shape, and the outlook very encouraging. A most enjoyable banquet was par-

ticipated in after the regular work of the lodge. This lodge is taking an interest in the S. C. B. Fund, some \$75.00 having been subscribed but not yet paid in, as I understand the money is being held for further payments to be made.

Robertson Lodge, No. 202, King; W. Bro. Arch. McCallum, W. M.: I visited this lodge for purposes of inspection on the 15th May, being accompanied by my secretary, V. W. Bro. E. M. Carleton. I was pleased to see a good turnout of members and visitors, among the latter being R. W. Bro. J. E. Francis, P. D. D. G. M. of this district, and W. Bro. Jas. B. McLean, W. M. of Vaughan Lodge, Maple. The third degree was exemplified in a fairly creditable manner, so far as the regular officers were concerned, but considerable portions were done by W. Bros. A. Carley and Geo. Egan, who are both splendid ritualists. I think the regular officers require more practice, and would urge them to get together for rehearsal more frequently if at all possible. It is a very special pleasure to meet in this lodge W. Bro. A. Carley, its Secretary. He is not only a splendid Secretary, but is a combination one comes across all too rarely, namely, a man pretty well advanced in years but with the heart of a boy. He can take any part of the ritual, sing a song, play the violin or tell a story equally well. V. W. Bro. A. D. Carley and W. Bro. George Egan are also towers of strength to this lodge. The membership has been about stationary for the last few years, but the prospects are improving. The finances are all right. A very enjoyable banquet was provided by the lady friends of the brethren, who not only favored us with their presence, but also with excellent music. This lodge has paid \$10.00 to the S. C. B. Fund. I think it will give still more.

Ashlar Lodge, No. 247, Toronto; W. Bro. A. C. Fairweather, W. M. I made my official visit to this splendid lodge at its regular meeting held on the 28th of March. I was delighted to meet my good friends, R. W. Bros. Dr. A. F. Webster, J. H. Widdifield and Curran Morrison, all P. D. D. G. M's of this district, as well as a large attendance of members and visitors, the latter including the W. M's of several visiting lodges. The lodge room presented a most attractive appearance, being profusely decorated with flowers generously supplied for the occasion by Bro. Lawrence. This is the mother lodge of M.

W. Bro. Benjamin Allen, our honored G. M., but to my great regret he was unable to be present on this occasion. The first degree was put on in an excellent manner, the W. M. and his officers fully maintaining the reputation of Ashlar in this regard, which is bestowing very high praise. The musical accompaniment, too, was very fine. Bro. John A. Shaw is the Secretary, assisted by V. W. Bro. W. H. Best. There is not a better kept set of books in the district. The membership for the past few years has been increasing by leaps and bounds, the finances are in splendid shape, the utmost harmony prevails, and the prospects for the future could scarcely be brighter. This lodge has made a most magnificent response to the appeal in regard to S. C. B. Fund, largely owing to the personal efforts of that model Mason, R. W. Bro. Dr. Webster. One thousand dollars has been subscribed and paid, which is indeed an example other lodges should be eager to follow, but still is not more than might have been expected from such a generous and progressive lodge as Ashlar. The hospitality of this lodge is also proverbial, and an exceedingly pleasant hour was spent at the refreshment table after the regular work of the evening. I had previously visited this lodge on the 27th of September, when a magnificent reception was tendered M. W. Bro. Allen by his brethren of Ashlar, the occasion being one of congratulation on his being raised to the exalted position of chief head and ruler of the Craft. It was the largest and most enthusiastic Masonic function I ever had the pleasure of attending, the like of which I do not expect to see again. I was also present at the P. M.'s night on the 28th February, when a very enjoyable evening was spent. We were much favored and greatly interested at the fourth degree by the presence of the noted actor, R. W. Bro. Edward Terrv, P. G. Treasurer of the Grand Lodge of England. His remarks and anecdotes were very clever and entertaining. In conclusion I would simply remark, what is however very well known already, that there is no better lodge in the district than Ashlar.

Patterson Lodge, No. 265, Thornhill; W. Bro. A. Muckle, W. M.: I had the pleasure of making my official visit to this lodge on the evening of the 19th of January. An added pleasure was that I was accompanied by R. W. Bro. Aubrey White, P. D. D. G. M., Toronto District, and Bro. Geo. Barron, the worthy Chaplain of Ash-

lar lodge. There was a large number of members and visitors in attendance, the latter including R. W. Bro. H. A. Nicholls, P. D. D. G. M., Toronto District No. 112, and W. Bro. James McLean, W. M. of Vaughan Lodge, Maple, and a number of his P. M's and brethren. The first degree was exemplified in a thoroughly satisfactory manner, every officer doing his work well. This lodge is particularly fortunate in having as one of its P. M's, as well as its Secretary, R. W. Bro. J. E. Francis, P. D. O. G. M. of this district. He is untiring in his efforts to advance the interests of this, his mother lodge, and it is needless to say his books are models of neatness and accuracy. There are excellent men in all the chairs, and the prospects are extremely bright. This lodge has done well in regard to the S. C. B. Fund, considering its membership. They have paid in \$25.00, and a like amount is promised for next year.

Humber Lodge, No. 305, Weston; W. Bro. W. C. Bursage, W. M.: I officially visited this lodge on the 24th November, being accompanied by my secretary, V. W. Bro. E. M. Carleton, and W. Bro. Carveth, P. M. of Wilson lodge. The attendance was good. Among the visitors were W. Bros. Maynard and Hackett, W. M's respectively of Blackwood Lodge, Woodbridge, and True Blue Lodge, Bolton. The first degree was conferred in a creditable manner. The books are well kept and the lodge is in a good condition financially. There is an exceptionally bright lot of young men in this lodge, and I consider its prospects very bright. There are also some stalwarts among the P. M's, W. Bros. Eagle and Wilby being hosts in themselves. A splendid banquet was provided, the hospitality of the brethren of Humber being unbounded. I again visited this lodge on the 16th February, the occasion being its 32nd anniversary and a P. M's night. I had the pleasure of making the visit in company with R. W. Bros. Aubrey White and Dr. A. F. Webster. W. Bro. Eagle occupied the east, the other chairs all being filled by P. M's. The third degree was splendidly exemplified. The visitors from the city had to leave early, having to drive, the cars being blocked, and we therefore missed the fourth degree, which I am sure would have been most enjoyable. I know this lodge to be doing good work in regard to the S. C. B. Fund, W. Bro. Wilby being especially active in the matter. I have

not, however, been furnished with details except that up to 23rd March last \$47 had been subscribed. I now learn that about \$100.00 has been subscribed and between \$40 and \$50 paid.

Blackwood Lodge, No. 311, Woodbridge; W. Bro. Amos Maynard, W. M.: I made my visit of inspection to this lodge on the 14th of April. I had the pleasure of the company from the city of R. W. Bro. Major Joseph Beck, P. G. J. W. and P. D. D. G. M. of Huron District, an old personal friend of my own, and R. W. Bro. Geo. Tait, P. D. D. G. M. of this district. There were also present W. Bro. Dr. W. F. Hackett, W. M. of True Blue Lodge, Bolton, and W. Bro. W. C. Burrage, W. M. of Humber Lodge, Weston, besides several others. There was a fair turnout of members of the lodge. Two candidates were initiated, the work being fairly well done. W. Bro. Maynard is a most enthusiastic and painstaking officer, and any inaccuracies in his work are entirely attributable to lack of opportunity for practice. On this occasion the S. W., J. D. and I. G. were all absent and sent no excuse so far as I am aware. I do not think that is the proper way to treat their lodge, and I trust these brethren will be more faithful in the future, or at least forward some explanation of their absence. W. Bro. Burrage gave the J. W.'s lecture and R. W. Bro. Tait the P. M.'s Charge. It was a treat to hear them both. W. Bro. David Morton is an efficient Secretary, and this lodge would greatly miss such stand-bys as he and W. Bro. Maynard. Owing mainly to their efforts the prospects are brighter now than for some time past. This lodge has not seen its way to do anything for the S. C. B. Fund, the explanation being given that they are bending their energies towards paying for their new lodge building, which was only recently elected, and which is certainly a credit to the brethren. A most enjoyable time was spent at the festive board, the hospitality of this lodge being unbounded. There is good material in this lodge, and the prospects are improving, but I would strongly urge upon the brethren to turn out to the meetings and to get together for rehearsal whenever possible.

Zetland Lodge, No. 326, Toronto; W. Bro. James Haywood, W. M.: On the 24th of February I made my visit to this lodge for purposes of inspection. There was a large attendance, among the visitors being R. W. Bro. J.

J. Thompson, D. D. G. M. Toronto District No. 11a; V. W. Bro. Andrew Park, G. S. D., and the W. M's of several visiting lodges. The third degree was exemplified in a wonderfully accurate and impressive manner. From the W. M. down every officer did his work perfectly. The musical accompaniment, too, was such as I certainly never heard excelled. W. Bro. Haywood is a most enthusiastic and efficient presiding officer, and W. Bro. J. H. McCabe is a splendid Secretary, his books being nothing short of models. The lodge is very wealthy and in every respect Zetland is maintaining its best traditions. I do not think I could bestow higher praise. A hilariously enjoyable time was spent at the refreshment table, many splendid songs being introduced. I was particularly pleased to hear once more Bro. H. M. Blight, whom I had not met for several years, and whose singing I always particularly admired. This lodge is doing magnificently in regard to the S. C. B. Fund, \$1,200 having been subscribed and paid. This is indeed an example which I trust will be followed. I also had the pleasure of visiting this lodge on the 25th November, when a most enthusiastic reception was tendered M. W. Bro. Benjamin Allen, G. M. of the Grand Lodge of Canada. I was again present at a meeting of this lodge on the 24th of February, the occasion being absolutely unique in my own experience, and I think in the history of Masonry in this jurisdiction. The W. M's chair was occupied by the M. W. the present Grand Master, and every other chair was filled by a Past Grand Master. A feature that added greatly to the interest of the evening was the fact that the candidate initiated was the son of W. Bro. Haywood, the W. M. of the lodge. The subsequent banquet was most enjoyable, many splendid speeches being given by the distinguished brethren present.

Occident Lodge, No. 346, Toronto; W. Bro. J. C. West, W. M.: As I had to leave Brockville last summer before being installed in my present position, I attended a meeting of this, my mother lodge, on the 21st September, when I was installed by R. W. Bro. Dr. A. F. Webster, P. D. D. G. M. of this district. I wish here to again express my sincere thanks to this distinguished brother for support and assistance in many ways, his kind offices being always most readily rendered and invariably proving efficient. I feel myself under a deep debt of

gratitude to this R. W. brother. This lodge also tendered me a reception on the evening of the 19th of October, when we were honored by the presence of M. W. Bro. Benjamin Allen, G. M. of the Grand Lodge of Canada, as well as that of R. W. Bros. Aubrey White and W. D. McPherson, P. D. D. G. M's of this district; V. W. Bro. Ald. J. B. Hay, Bro. Thos. Crawford, M. P.P., and many others. I was indeed highly gratified by the honor conferred upon me, for which I sincerely thank W. Bro. King, who was then Master of the lodge, his officers, and my fellow members of Occident, as well as the visitors who were kind enough to attend on the occasion. An exceptionally enjoyable time was spent at the refreshment table. I certainly never heard finer addresses in a Masonic lodge than those given by the distinguished brethren already named. I had the pleasure of installing the officers of this lodge for the ensuing year on the evening of the 21st of December, being kindly and most ably assisted by R. W. Bro. J. J. Thompson, D. D. G. M. Toronto District No. 11a, V. W. Bro. Andrew Park, G. S. D., and the P. M's of the lodge. There was a good attendance, and the occasion was, to me at least, a very enjoyable one. I made my visit of inspection on the 15th of February, and was pleased to see a good attendance of members, as well as several visitors, among whom was W. Bro. Jas. Leach, W. M. of Alpha Lodge. Two candidates were initiated, the first by W. Bro. West, the W. M. and his officers, and the other by some of the P. M's of the lodge. I do not think any one will accuse me of partiality to my mother lodge when I say the work in both instances was excellently done. W. Bro. West is a most energetic and efficient presiding officer, the other chairs are all filled by good men, and there is a body of P. M's connected with this lodge which I consider second to none in the district. Bro. Little is still Secretary, and is still as genial and as thoroughly efficient as of yore. The lodge has greatly increased in membership in the last few years, the material has been first-class, and the outlook is extremely bright. I also had the pleasure of attending the regular P. M's night of this lodge on the 17th May. Notwithstanding a downpour of rain there was a good attendance, the visitors, including R. W. Bro. Wm. Roaf, K. C., P. D. D. G. M. of this district; V. W. Bro. E. M. Carleton, District Secretary, and W. Bros. Sykes and Meadows,

W. M's of Georgina and St. George's lodges respectively. V. W. Bro. R. C. Charlton occupied the east, the other chairs being filled by P. M's of the lodge. The work was exceedingly good, and the whole evening most enjoyable. Great credit is due W. Bro. West for the success of the occasion. This lodge is taking an active interest in the S. C. B. Fund, over \$100 having already been paid, and considerably more than that amount subscribed.

River Park Lodge, No. 356, Streetsville; W. Bro. Rev. C. H. Rich, W. M.: I made my official visit to this lodge in the 15th of May. This lodge has not prospered for the last few years, but I am glad to say a complete change in this regard has now taken place. I wish to state, too, that the principal credit for this most desirable state of things should be given to my predecessor, R. W. Bro. J. E. Francis, P. D. D. G. M., who spent a great deal of time, and took a lot of trouble, in efforts to revive the interest of the brethren, which had apparently almost reached the vanishing point. To this there were always some notable exceptions, however, particularly W. Bros. Taylor and Goodison, but speaking generally the lodge was in bad shape when R. W. Bro. Francis grappled with the difficulties, and as already stated, his efforts have been crowned with complete success. On the occasion of my visit there was a good attendance, considering the membership, and W. Bro. Wilby, of Humber Lodge, Weston, was also present. The first degree was exemplified in a creditable manner, any inaccuracies there were being chiefly attributable to lack of opportunities for practice. I would suggest to the brethren as frequent rehearsals as possible. The lodge has an efficient Secretary in Bro. O. R. Church, and Bro. Major M. S. Mercer, the S. W., will, I am sure, make an ideal W. M. in the near future. Candidates are beginning to present themselves freely, and I have now no fear for the future of this lodge. A very enjoyable hour was spent at the refreshment table, after the regular work of the evening, the hospitality and good fellowship of the brethren being unbounded. This lodge has not, as far as I have been able to ascertain, done anything in regard to the S. C. B. Fund, but I suppose, under the circumstances, this is hardly to be wondered at.

Mimico Lodge, No. 369, Lambton Mills; W. Bro. J. G. Musson, W. M.: I visited this lodge in my official

capacity on the 13th of June. There were present, besides a good turn out of members, V. W. Bro. E. M. Carleton, District Secretary, and W. Bros. Wilby, of Humber, and Rice, of Stanley lodges. Two excellent candidates were initiated, the first by the regular officers, in a creditable manner, although some of them show the need of more practice. I would compliment, however, Bro. G. Aymer, the J. D., with whose work I was greatly pleased. The second candidate was taken in hand by W. Bro. R. A. Montgomery, I. P. M., that splendid fellow and excellent Mason—a tower of strength to this lodge, assisted by V. W. Bro. Carleton and W. Bro. Wilby, all of whom did the work in their usual masterly style. I wish to mention my regret at time not permitting Bro. R. E. Port, the J. W., to give his lecture, as I am sure it would have been a treat, he being, as is well known, a phenomenal ritualist. Bro. Geo. S. Brown is an excellent Secretary and his books are well kept. Those of us who had to return to the city were obliged to forego the pleasure of joining the brethren of Mimico at the refreshment table, which we very sincerely regretted, the reputation of this lodge for sociability being very high. A beginning has been made in regard to the S. C. B. Fund, nine brethren having subscribed, and three of them have paid \$9.00. The W. M. assures me this is likely to increase. There is no fear for the future of this lodge, and my visit to it was a genuine pleasure.

Alpha Lodge, No. 384, Toronto; W. Bro. Jas. Leach, W. M.: I made my official visit to this lodge on the evening of the 6th of April. There was a good attendance of members and visitors. I was accompanied by my secretary, V. W. Bro. E. M. Carleton, and W. Bro. Segsworth, W. M. of Wilson Lodge, and W. Bro. R. A. Montgomery, I. P. M. of Mimico lodge, were also present. One candidate was initiated, the work being well done, with a fine musical accompaniment. V. W. Bro. E. J. Voss has been Secretary for years, and is a most painstaking and thorough officer. His books are models. The finances are in good shape, harmony prevails, and the outlook most encouraging. The S. C. B. Fund has not been forgotten, over \$100 having been subscribed and paid. The brethren present experienced the well known hospitality of Alpha lodge at a splendid banquet, given after the regular work of the evening had been disposed

of. I also spent a very pleasant evening at Alpha lodge on the 6th of October, the occasion being their P. M's night. W. Bro. Isaacs was in the chair, and he and all the other P. M's showed that they have not grown weary in well doing so far, at least, as Masonic work is concerned. On the 1st of May this lodge tendered a reception to one of its own P. M's, R. W. Bro. the Hon. I. W. St. John, P. D. D. G. M. of this district and speaker of the Legislative Assembly of the Province of Ontario. I had the pleasure of being present. The function was a most elaborate one and highly successful in every way. The addresses of R. W. Bros. St. John and Aubrey White were features.

Stanley Lodge, No. 426, Toronto Junction; W. Bro. W. L. Joy, W. M.: I officially visited this lodge for the purpose of inspection at its regular meeting held on the 4th of April. I was accompanied by my secretary, V. W. Bro. E. M. Carleton, and among the visitors, of whom there was a goodly number present, I was delighted to greet R. W. Bro. the Hon. J. W. St. John, P. D. D. G. M. of this district, Speaker of the Legislative Assembly. The first degree was worked in a creditable manner, the musical accompaniment, too, being very nice. The books are well kept, Bro. Harris being a most careful and efficient Secretary. The lodge is in a good position financially, and with such an efficient set of officers, and an exceptionally fine body of P. M's, is bound to succeed. Indeed, it feels so strong that it is cheerfully consenting to the formation of another lodge in the town. There is room for both. The brethren of this lodge are most hospitable, and a very pleasant hour was spent at the banquet table, where R. W. Bro. St. John gave, as is usual with him, a most eloquent address, and some capital songs were sung by Bro. Hill and others. This lodge has done well in regard to the S. C. B. Fund, over \$100 having been subscribed and paid. I also visited Stanley lodge on its P. M's night, November 22, and spent a most enjoyable evening.

Harmony Lodge, No. 438, Toronto; W. Bro. A. L. E. Davies, W. M.: I made my official visit to this lodge on the evening of the 27th February. There was an excellent attendance both of members and visiting brethren. I was very pleased to see R. W. Bros. L. K. Cameron, G. R.; J. B. Nixon, P. D. D. G. M.; E. C. Davies, P. G. R.;

V. W. Bro. E. M. Carleton, District Secretary, and W. Bros. J. C. West and B. Cairns, W. M's respectively of Occident and Orient lodges. The first degree was exemplified in an almost faultless manner, I never having seen, nor do I ever expect to see, the work better done. The teachings of the degree were not only most impressively conveyed, but nearly every detail of ritual was carefully observed. The lodge, too, possesses a magnificent choir, which adds greatly to the effect of the work and the enjoyment of the brethren at the fourth degree. There is a splendid body of P. M's connected with this lodge, the Secretary's books are excellently kept, the finances are in the best of shape, and the increase in membership something phenomenal. W. Bro. Davies is an ideal presiding officer, and I consider that no lodge in the district has better prospects. I also visited this lodge on the 28th November, being members' night, and the occasion of the annual election of officers. I was sorry that my old and valued personal friend, W. Bro. I. R. Code, then W. M. of the lodge, had been suddenly called out of the city on business that afternoon and was consequently not present, but his place was ably taken by W. Bro. T. McQueen, then I. P. M., and a most enjoyable evening was spent. I have no report before me at present as to what is being done by this lodge in regard to the S. C. B. Fund, but W. Bro. Davies informed me he would make it a personal matter, which I am satisfied insures its success. I should not close this report without congratulating W. Bro. Davies on his publication of a new musical ritual, which I understand has received the highest praise from those competent to judge. I must thank him for a beautifully bound copy of his work.

Peel Lodge, U. D., Caledon East; W. Bro. F. N. Leavens, W. M.: This lodge was inaugurated in June, 1904, by my immediate predecessor, R. W. Bro. J. E. Francis (whose memory is very green among the brethren), and is still working under dispensation. I made my official visit on the evening of the 12th May. There was a good turnout of members, and W. Bros. Bolton and York, of True Blue Lodge, Bolton, were also present. W. Bro. Leavens, a very zealous Mason, and efficient officer, is also a P. M. of True Blue. The first degree was worked in a really excellent manner, the Secretary's books are well kept, a number of applications are coming in, and

the prospects are that this will become the largest and most active lodge in that part of the country. I think this lodge intends doing something towards the S. C. B. Fund, but I have no definite report.

Victoria Lodge, U. D., Toronto Junction; W. Bro. W. J. Sheppard, W. M.: I am pleased to be able to report that, the necessary formalities having been complied with, I was able to recommend the granting of a dispensation for the formation of a new lodge in this town. The M. W. the G. M. was pleased to grant the prayer of the petition, and on the evening of the 19th of June I attended at Stanley Lodge room, where Victoria is to meet, for the purpose of inaugurating the new lodge. I was kindly assisted in this by R. W. Bro. J. E. Francis, P. D. D. G. M., and V. W. Bro. E. M. Carleton, District Secretary. Notwithstanding the intense heat the lodge room was crowded, and the very greatest interest was manifested in the proceedings. I requested the following brethren to act until the officers of the new lodge should take their places: W. Bros. Jas. Haywood, W. M. of Zetland Lodge, as S. W.; R. F. Segsworth, W. M. of Wilson Lodge, as J. W.; J. G. Musson, W. M. of Mimico Lodge, as S. D.; B. Cairns, W. M. of Orient Lodge, as J. D.; James Leach, W. M. of Alpha Lodge, as I. G., and Wilson Wilby, P. M. of Humber Lodge, as Chaplain. After the usual ceremony had been performed, and the various officers placed in their respective positions, Bro. E. R. Rogers, the newly appointed Secretary, read a most interesting and instructive paper, illustrating in a Masonic way various periods in the life of our late beloved Queen, after whom the lodge is named. The effort was highly original, and certainly one of the best I have ever heard. Bro. Rogers deserves sincere congratulations. After W. Bro. Sheppard and his officers had opened and closed in the second and third degrees, the brethren did me the great honor of electing me a life member of the lodge, an honor which I prize very highly and for which I thank them most sincerely. Eight applications were received for affiliation and twenty-one for initiation. An exceptionally pleasant time was spent at the banquet table. The reputation of the brethren of Victoria lodge in this regard is evidently going to be of the highest. With such a presiding officer as W. Bro. Sheppard, and such officers to assist him as R. W. Bro. Dr. R. R. Hopkins, I.

P. M.; W. Bro. J. Haggas, Chaplain, and W. Bro. F. J. White, Treasurer, Victoria lodge starts on its career under the most favorable auspices, and I am sure every brother in the district wishes it every success.

In conclusion I would again express my sincere thanks to my brethren for their kindness, and the hope that our noble Order may ever continue to be, what I believe it to be now, one of the most powerful influences for good in our beloved native land.

All of which is fraternally submitted.

E. J. B. DUNCAN, D. D. G. M.,

Toronto District No. 11.

GRAND LODGE OF A. F. & A. M. OF CANADA IN THE PROVINCE OF ONTARIO.

Table Showing the work done in Toronto District, No. 11, from June 24th, 1904, to June 24th, 1905.

No. of Lodges.	NAME OF LODGE.	LOCATION.	Mem- bership		Degree's Conf'd		Admissions.	Restorations.	Resignations.	Suspensions, N. P. D.	Suspensions, other causes.	Meet- ing's held.			Average attendance of members.	Amount paid for relief.	No. of members 12 months in arrears.	Total of all Arrearages.	Date of last G. L. Return.	Financial Standing.	Prospects of Lodge.	Can W. M. work all degrees.	Insurance.	
			Increased during year.	Decreased during year.	B. A.	F. O.						M. M.	Regular.	Emergency.										Total.
21	King Solo'n	Toronto	216	96	11	18	23	30	3	5	3	4	4	11	4	15	55	334	72	84	Dec. 1904	Good	Yes	Fully
54	Vaughan	Maple	39	1	6	4	4	1	3	3	1	13	13	13	13	18	8	00	21	Dec. '04	Good	Yes	\$1800 00	
65	Relo bond	Toronto...	945	26	14	21	23	18	3	2	5	3	6	11	16	27	67	190	40	33	June 30, '05	Good	Yes	100 00
86	Wilson.	Toronto, ...	924	13	16	13	15	8	3	2	4	10	3	10	3	13	57	900	00	39	Dec. '04	Good	Yes	250 00
104	True Blue	Bolton	60	6	1	3	3	0	0	0	0	1	1	1	1	9	9	21	July, 1904	Quiet	Yes	900 00
114	Union	Schomberg	34	7	7	6	4	1	1	1	1	11	11	11	11	15	15	2	June 24, '04	Good	Yes	400 00
120	York ...	North Toronto	113	16	14	13	11	1	3	2	1	10	6	16	25	25	15	00	33	Dec. '04	Good	Yes	250 00	
223	Long	Rampton	77	7	6	5	7	1	3	1	2	3	5	14	30	30	7	50	1	June 23, '05	Good	Yes	400 00	
247	Ashley	Toronto	283	6	7	12	14	5	1	1	1	12	2	14	16	46	13	Dec. 27, '04	Excellent	Yes	2500 00	
250	Patterson	Thornhill	47	3	1	4	3	3	1	1	1	10	5	15	46	13	15	10	Dec. 24, '04	Good	Yes	200 00		
292	Robertson	King	38	2	2	3	3	1	1	1	1	10	10	19	19	16	00	7	Dec. '04	Good	Yes	250 00		
305	Humber	Weston	59	6	5	3	4	3	1	1	1	11	1	12	21	1	10	00	June, 1905	Good	Yes	150 00		
311	Blackwood	Woodbridge	47	6	5	5	2	3	1	1	1	1	1	11	11	11	350	00	Dec. 1904	Good	Yes	500 00		
326	Zetland	Toronto	434	23	24	25	21	3	1	1	3	10	6	16	110	50	50	00	Dec. 23, '04	Excellent	Yes	Trust		
346	Woodmont	Toronto	213	31	23	26	26	2	3	3	5	11	9	20	50	50	00	June 24, '04	Good	Yes	600 00			
356	River Park	Streetville	37	3	6	5	4	1	6	1	5	12	13	12	12	6	00	10	Dec. 1904	Good	Yes	100 00		
374	Mimico	Lambton Mills	23	7	4	6	5	4	1	1	1	11	9	13	38	50	00	39	Dec. '04	Good	Yes	1000 00		
384	Alders	Toronto	247	27	27	33	35	3	11	3	5	13	11	24	65	250	50	31	Dec. 24, '04	Good	Yes	1000 00		
426	Stanley	Toronto Junct	332	16	15	11	14	3	1	3	1	11	5	16	60	70	00	16	Dec. 27, '04	Good	Yes	1000 00		
438	Harmony	Toronto	278	29	31	31	29	6	1	1	1	11	13	24	50	239	15	10	Dec. 31, '04	Excellent	Yes	Fully		
UD	Peel	Caladen East	81	31	16	11	4	1	1	1	1	13	3	15	18	..	..	..	...	Good	Yes	900 00

TORONTO EAST DISTRICT NO. 11A.

*To the Most Worshipful the Grand Master, Officers and
Members of the Grand Lodge of A. F. & A. M. of
Canada in the Province of Ontario:*

MOST WORSHIPFUL SIR AND BRETHREN :

I have the honor of presenting my official report on the condition and progress of Masonry in Toronto East District No. 11A for the Masonic year ending June 24, 1905.

I will take this opportunity to express to the brethren of the district my warm appreciation of their expression of confidence in electing me to the high and important position of D. D. G. M., and to say to them that I am thankful that I have not failed in making a sincere attempt to carry out the promises made at my election that my best efforts would be put forth to attend to the duties of this important office with diligence and attention, and I conscientiously believe I have done so, but with what benefit to the Craft I know not, but I do hope I have been in some small measure instrumental in improving the exemplification of the work, and better still in the direction of inculcating a higher and nobler Masonic life.

I am deeply grateful to all the brethren for their cordiality to me in my visits and at all times. I met with great kindness everywhere, and especially in my visits outside the city, for there it was a case of a hearty shake hands and a personal talk with nearly every member present. In fact, it may be properly said that with the exception of a few of the smaller lodges, the lodges of this district require but little of the time and attention of the D. D. G. M. other than a formal visit as the official representative of the Grand Master and what they are pleased to call his patronage at their several functions. These large gatherings were very frequent and unprecedentedly magnificent in the city of Toronto owing the popularity and great acquaintance of our Grand Master and his residence in our midst. I had, of course, invitations to all these affairs, and attended with many other present and

past Grand Lodge officers to assist in doing honor to the chief of our beloved Order.

On September 2 my mother lodge, St. George, No. 367, tendered me a most hearty reception.

On September 20th I accompanied my lodge to Tonawanda, N. Y., by special train, on a return visit to Sutherland lodge of that place, and assisted the officers of St. George lodge in exemplifying the third degree. It is needless to say the hospitality of the American brethren was boundless and the great sociability of the evening beyond description.

On September 21st I attended Brock lodge, Cannington, to assist in doing honor to W. Bro. Thos. Foster, who was presented with a P. M. jewel, and to Bro. John Houston, Treasurer for 25 years (just returned from a visit to the old land), who was presented with a gold locket and a beautiful illuminated address. I made the visit official and witnessed the first work of the W. M., W. Bro. Dr. Hart, who initiated a candidate. I promised the lodge another visit, which is recorded in another part of this report, and pointed out the changes in the work. The work was fairly well done, as also the opening and closing in the other degrees. A banquet was given at the Bennett House.

On September 23rd I was pleased to attend the military night of Zeta Lodge, No. 410. The chairs were all occupied by officers of the 12th Battalion, York Rangers, W. Bro. Col. J. T. Thompson as W. M.; R. W. Bro. T. H. Brunton, P. D. D. G. M. (Newmarket), as S. W.; W. Bro. D. A. Radcliff (Aurora), as J. W., etc. The night was a most auspicious and memorable one.

On September 27th I attended the reception to the Grand Master in Ashlar Lodge, No. 247, Toronto; in Wilson Lodge, No. 86, October 18th; in Occident Lodge, No. 346, October 19th, which included a reception also to my colleague, R. W. Bro. E. J. B. Duncan, D. D. G. M. District No. 11; in Ionic Lodge, No. 25, November 1st; in Rehoboam Lodge, No. 65, November 3rd; in Zetland Lodge, No. 326 (P. G. M's night), February 24th.

I attended many at-homes, including Stevenson Lodge, No. 218, at King Edward Hotel, January 26th; Georgina Lodge, No. 343, January 27th; St. Andrew's Lodge, No. 16, February 3rd; Doric Lodge, No. 316, February 24th, and many other events of like nature. I set out in this

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report to be as brief as possible, and I will not take up your valuable and limited time in accounting certain matters at as much length as I would like to but only to mention them for record.

I appointed W. Bro. L. Herbert Luke as District Secretary. He assisted me materially, being convenient and always obliging and courteous in whatever he was called upon to do, and firstly, in the preparation of my circular in pamphlet form to the lodges, which contained also reference and instructions regarding the Semi-Centennial Benevolent Fund, I attach a copy of the publication and at the time of issue I sent copies to all D. D. G. M's and the principal officers of the Grand Lodge:

COMMUNICATION FROM D. D. G. M. TORONTO 11a DISTRICT.

To be Read in Open Lodge.

To the Worshipful Master, Officers and Members in Toronto East District, No. 11a :

Brethren : At the Forty-ninth Annual Communication of the Grand Lodge, held in Brockville on 21st July, 1904, your representatives and Past Masters elected me to the office of District Deputy Grand Master for this flourishing and important district of Toronto East, and I feel deeply the high honor and serious responsibility of the great trust committed to my care.

I fail to find words sufficient to express my appreciation of so great a distinction, but I shall endeavor to perform my duties, with your kind assistance and co-operation, in a manner and in a spirit as did my worthy predecessors, and with a view of maintaining the high standard of Masonic work, conduct and life which has attained at the present time generally throughout our whole jurisdiction, and which was the subject of much congratulation by the Sub-Committee on Condition of Masonry. This eminent Committee concluded its report with the following words : "We are gaining in numerical strength beyond all expectations, the character and reputation of the Craft still stands four square to all the winds that blow. We have done much for the suffering and distressed, and we are hoping to extend this good work. Thirty-three thousand men of character bound together for the purpose of promoting peace, harmony and friendship ought to be a tremendous power for good. Let us recognize our responsibilities, and by every means possible endeavor to strengthen and extend the usefulness of our beloved Order."

I was duly installed, informed in portions of our unwritten work, and have now begun the active discharge of the duties of my office.

Pursuant to resolution passed at the district meeting to appoint a committee to procure a suitable testimonial for my

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worthy predecessor, I appointed : W. Bros. Gillies, of Orient Lodge; H. Meadows, of St. George Lodge; T. Malcolm, of Zeta Lodge; W. J. Sykes, of Georgina Lodge; H. T. Smith, of St. Andrew's Lodge (the latter the Convener).

This committee have already commenced their duty, and I have no doubt that their work will be made easy and pleasant by the prompt and appreciative response on the part of every lodge.

I cannot let this opportunity pass without paying some tribute to R. W. Bro. H. A. Nicholls, who has preceded me in this office, and to say of him that he was most indefatigable, zealous and earnest in his work, and his name will be cherished for years to come throughout our entire district.

I have called to the position of District Secretary W. Bro. L. Herbert Luke, W. M. of St. Andrew's Lodge, No. 16, and he has accepted the office. His address is 156 Yonge street (Ambrose Kent & Sons), is easy of access to both myself and the brethren, and I believe very well known to most of our membership. Letters upon business of the district should be addressed to him.

I may cause the appointment of a District Chaplain at a little later date.

OFFICIAL VISITS.

I will follow to some extent what has been the custom and visit the lodges this year whose installation of officers was held in June last, and the lodges whose officers will be installed in the month of December next will receive my official attention between February and May of next year, but of course this is subject to variation. I ask the Worshipful Masters to communicate with me in this connection.

RENDITION OF WORK AND LODGES OF INSTRUCTION.

From the reports of my predecessors in office and from personal knowledge, the lodges all seem to be well officered, and the esoteric work in nearly every instance correctly rendered. It only remains for me to enjoin a reverent and an impressive delivery, a close attention to elocutionary rules. The holding of Lodges of Instruction is again urged as being very useful and important, and the Board recommends that each D. D. G. M. should hold one or more. I would request the Worshipful Masters in the district, especially the portion outside the city, to favor me with their views on holding such joint meetings.

I will simply mention a few further matters, as I must refer somewhat more fully to a very important subject and for which I have delayed this communication.

The few matters are : Promptness in opening the lodge ; celerity in despatch of general business ; insure lodge effects ; keep up fraternal visitation, as it tends to perfection and uniformity in work ; encourage the social side of Masonry, and make this feature select. I recommend "at-homes," festivals and concerts. I also strongly favor attending church

together as Masons, evincing the close connection of Masonry and religion ; support and assist your Secretary in the collection of dues and in the reduction of outstandings ; make this year phenomenal in this respect. Restore suspended members and induce non-affiliates to re-join. Attention is hereby directed to clauses 160, 178, 182, 191 and 250 of the Constitution. I would ask the Secretaries to report to me all deaths, giving name, rank, residence, dates of initiation and of death.

SEMI-CENTENNIAL BENEVOLENT FUND.

The semi-centennial of our Grand Lodge is to be celebrated at the City of Hamilton at the next meeting in July, 1905, and as one means of fittingly commemorating this auspicious event, and as a thankoffering to the Great Architect of the Universe for the blessings of peace and prosperity which have been bestowed upon us so richly, the Grand Lodge has undertaken unanimously to raise as expeditiously as possible a fund as above named and which will be administered by Grand Lodge solely for benevolent purposes.

There are 33,000 Masons in good standing in Ontario, and they are asked to contribute \$3 each, which means about 2 cents per week for 3 years, a sum which will not demand very much self-denial.

The establishment of this fund is simply to provide a permanent fund which will at all times be available for the relief of needy and afflicted brethren and dependants, and to supplement the Grand Lodge grants which have been annually the source of so much joy and comfort to the poor and penniless, and also a practical application of the impression made upon us at the N. E. angle during our initiation. As there are sure to be some who through neglect or other cause will not respond promptly, it is left to any member who feels that he can contribute a larger amount than \$3, that he will do so, and so make up the deficiency of a certain few. The Most Worshipful the Grand Master is personally concerned that this movement shall be entirely successful, and for uniformity and systematic organization, which will contribute to success, each D. D. G. M. has been directed to form a District Committee, which will elect officers, and the Treasurer of the District Committee will receive the contributions from the private lodges.

Accordingly, the following brethren were called by me to form this committee, and as far as I know at present all have kindly consented :

St. Andrew's Lodge, No. 16, R. W. Bro. W. C. Wilkinson, Secretary-Treasurer Toronto Public Schools.

Richmond Lodge, No. 23, R. W. Bro. H. A. Nicholls, Richmond Hill.

Ionic Lodge, No. 25, W. Bro. S. Sykes, 12 King street west, Toronto.

St. John's Lodge, No. 75, W. Bro. D. Chisholm, 14 Langley avenue, Toronto.

Markham Union Lodge, No. 87, W. Bro. J. B. Gould, Markham, Ont.

Sharon Lodge, No. 97, W. Bro. B. F. Pearson, M.D., Queensville, Ont.

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Tuscan Lodge, No. 99, W. Bro. J. R. Y. Broughton, Newmarket, Ont.

Rising Sun Lodge, No. 129, W. Bro. D. A. Radcliffe, Aurora, Ont.

Richardson Lodge, No. 136, W. Bro. W. Stark, Stouffville, Ont.

Stevenson Lodge, No. 218, W. Bro. Jackson Little, Temperance street, Toronto.

Zeredatha Lodge, No. 220, R. W. Bro. H. J. Gould, Uxbridge, Ont.

Brougham Union Lodge, No. 269, W. Bro. R. E. Forsyth, Claremont, Ont.

Doric Lodge, No. 316, W. Bro. Wm. Macartney, City Hall, Toronto.

Orient Lodge, No. 339, W. Bro. A. Gillies, 57 Seaton street, Toronto.

Georgina Lodge, No. 343, W. Bro. W. J. Sykes, 344 College street, Toronto.

Brock Lodge, No. 354, W. Bro. Hugh Wilson, Cannington, Ont.

St. George Lodge, No. 367, W. Bro. Frank Saunders, 52 Leonard avenue, Toronto.

Zeta Lodge, No. 410, W. Bro. Lieut.-Col. J. T. Thompson, 301 Givings street, Toronto.

Doric Lodge, No. 424, W. Bro. Dillingham, Pickering, Ont.

Acacia Lodge, No. 430, W. Bro. Dr. Walters, East Toronto.

The committee was called together on 27th September in Temple Building, Toronto, and elected me as Chairman, R. W. Bro. Wilkinson, Treasurer, and W. Bro. Jackson Little, Secretary, with W. Bro. L. Herbert Luke, District Secretary, as Associate Secretary.

You will notice in the formation of this District Committee each lodge is represented. The Grand Master has made the D. D. G. M. of each district responsible for the proper carrying on of the work, and it is in this connection I address myself to each lodge and to each representative, knowing your zeal and attachment for the welfare of our time-honored institution, and in the confidence that each and all will assist me in what is without doubt one of the best schemes that has ever been submitted to the brethren throughout the whole province.

To those of the committee and to the Wor. Masters, let me say, your duties are paramount with mine in this connection, so is also the duty of each member. Further, each representative is to endeavor to make himself thoroughly acquainted with the object of the work, the objects of the committee to which he belongs and personally to superintend and organize with the assistance of his lodge officers, Past Masters and workers, a systematic canvass so that no Mason in this District will be given an opportunity of saying that he was not directly requested to aid in this noble and heaven-born work.

Let me quote in part a personal letter from the Grand Master: "I have no doubt that if the brethren you have named as District Committee take the matter up promptly and each one select a certain number of brethren of his own lodge to canvass every member of that lodge, they can without diffi-

culty before the 24th June next get more than the amount asked for. No doubt some would give \$25, others \$10, some \$5 at one time and be done with it, rather than \$1 to \$5 a year for three years. Now that this fund is put on a proper basis and approved by Grand Lodge, I am anxious that at least \$50,000 be paid in by July 1st, 1905."

In conclusion I request that subscription lists be opened where not already done, and that each Master, Secretary or member or District Committee, the latter in particular, keep me fully posted by letter of what is being done, of the progress of the work month by month in their local station, and what may be further necessary for its success, so that the District Committee may carry out their instructions in reporting to the Grand Secretary. The names and addresses of the local committees are also requested by the Grand Secretary through the District Secretary.

I regret the length of this communication, but the importance of the object must not suffer to brevity or the taking up of your time. I trust that your efforts may be crowned with abundant and brilliant success.

I thank you again for your confidence, and my sincere and constant aim will be to endeavor by every means in my power to prove myself worthy of that confidence. I rely on the sympathy, forbearance and fraternal instincts of my brethren.

There are three lessons I would write,
Three words, as with a burning pen,
In tracings of eternal light,
Upon the hearts of men.

Have Hope. Though clouds environ round,
And gladness hides her face in scorn,
Put off the shadows from thy brow,
No night but hath its morn.

Have Faith. Where'er thy barque is driven—
The calm's disport the tempest's mirth—
Know this: God rules the hosts of heaven,
The inhabitants of the earth.

Have Love. Love not alone for one,
But man, as man, thy brother call;
And scatter, like a circling sun,
Thy charities on all.

Cordially and fraternally yours.

JOHN. J. THOMPSON,

D. D. G. M.

PRESENTATION OF REGALIA TO P. D. D. G. M.

The following committee, namely, W. Bros. A. Gillies, T. Malcolm, H. Meadows, W. J. Sykes and H. T. Smith, the latter convener and secretary, in accordance with a resolution passed at the district meeting, were appointed by me to attend at the usual presentation made in this dis-

strict yearly to the retiring D. D. G. M. These brethren promptly carried out their duty, the lodges all generously responding, with the result that on October 7th, at the regular meeting of St. George Lodge, No. 367, R. W. Bro. Nicholls was made the recipient of a handsome set of regalia befitting his rank. A most enjoyable evening was spent and several lodges were represented thereat by their Masters, Past Masters, Wardens, and a large concourse of brethren, Richmond lodge, the Masonic home of the R. W. brother, being well represented.

BY-LAWS.

The following lodges obtained approval to changes in their by-laws: St. Andrew's, No. 16; Ionic, No. 25; St. John's, No. 75; Zeta, No. 410, and Acacia, No. 430. In addition, Ionic, No. 25, a complete new set of by-laws.

DISPENSATIONS.

Under Clause No. 70 I granted dispensation to Tuscan Lodge, No. 99, on their unanimous request, to initiate without fee a person to act as Tyler in their lodge.

On July 15th I granted permission to Sharon Lodge, No. 97, on their application, to permit removal from their present lodge rooms at Sharon to as suitable premises at Queensville near by and in the same district, believing same to be distinctively to the benefit of Grand Lodge and the improving of the attendance at its meetings.

I forwarded requests to the Grand Lodge for dispensations from several of the lodges to hold at-homes and other affairs as provided for by the Constitution, all of which were granted promptly and kindly. Necessary fees were sent with each request.

RULINGS.

Aurora, No. 129—Question of jurisdiction.

Stevenson, No. 218—Ruled against the W. M. in an appeal made by a member of the lodge. The lodge by-laws covered the question.

Brock, No. 354—Re-admission of candidates for initiation and affiliation. The duties of the W. M. and the committee on character covered by Clauses 212, 213, 214 and 223 of the Constitution.

Several other matters came before me, but I do not deem it necessary to refer to them.

LODGES OF INSTRUCTION.

Two years having passed without a Lodge of Instruction being held in this district, and the Board on the Condition of Masonry, R. W. Bro. Aubrey White, chairman (and Mr. White was a particularly circumspect chairman), deploring the falling away in the number of such meetings, they being excellent schools against inaccuracies, innovations and careless work, I decided on holding one or more of them as could be arranged in this busy district with so much work always to be done and so many large and important gatherings of the Craft from week to week. The recent changes in the work, which required promulgating among the several lodges, was also another reason which I had in mind.

I arranged with the oldest lodge under my care, namely St. Andrew's, No. 16, which lodge very kindly and with care and attention exemplified the first degree on October 11th, at which meeting there was a large attendance of brethren. I feel greatly indebted to the following officers and Past Masters who assisted them for their valuable services in the carrying out of the work in such a perfect manner: W. Bro. L. H. Luke, W. M.; Bros. Rev. Dr. J. Burwash, S. W.; J. W. Rogers, J. W.; Dr. Reynar, Chaplain; R. W. Bro. W. C. Wilkinson, Treasurer; W. Bro. J. T. Slater, Secretary; Bros. H. E. Irwin, J. D.; A. Maccomb, I. G.; R. G. Staples, Organist. W. Bros. J. S. Lovell, W. F. Chapman and C. W. Woodland, and R. W. Bro. Geo. Tait in an excellent manner exemplified a Board of Trial. The choir of the lodge sang admirably the musical part of the ceremony, assisted by Bros. Percy Coward, W. N. Shaver and C. A. Bell.

Another successful Lodge of Instruction was held on December 5th, when St. John's Lodge, No. 75, exemplified the third degree in a most excellent manner, and I am also indebted to the following well-skilled brethren: W. Bros. C. E. Howarth, W. M.; D. Chisholm, I. P. M.; Bro. A. Fraser, S. W.; J. H. Wilson, J. W.; Jos. King, Chaplain; R. R. Davis, Treasurer; J. G. Gladman, Secretary; W. D. Greer, S. D.; W. S. Jackson, J. D., and the following Past Masters: W. Bros. H. S. King, J. G. Boyce, M. Leverty, J. H. McKinnon and others. The W. M's and officers of several other lodges were present and a large number of visiting brethren.

The Lodge of Instruction held at Aurora on April 7th was for the benefit of the brethren in that part of the district, and the particulars of this meeting will be found in the report of my official visit to Rising Sun lodge.

SEMI-CENTENNIAL BENEVOLENT FUND.

As enjoined by the instructions contained in the official circular issued by the Central Committee on this important matter, I proceeded immediately with the work assigned me and gave it my personal and official attention by appointing a District Committee to convene on September 27th at the Temple Building, Toronto, for the purpose of organization and the further work of establishing local committees in each lodge. The city lodges were fairly well represented, but the lodges outside, with the exception of Richmond, by R. W. Bro. Nicholls, were represented only by letters from delegates promising to do what might be asked of them. Following this meeting I issued the pamphlet attached to this report and sent copies to each lodge and to each representative, also each D. D. G. M. and each of the Central Committee. I may say I received pleasant acknowledgment of this pamphlet from several distinguished members of the Craft which amply repaid me for any time and labor it may have cost. Full instructions regarding organization, as you know, were given, and the objects plainly set forth and brought before each lodge.

I endeavored, of course, in all my visits, and whenever opportunity afforded, to bring the matter before the brethren. Without taking up your time too long in further detail, just let me mention that pursuant to the request from the Grand Secretary, dated February 13th, to report on what was done by each lodge, I issued a circular letter to W. M's and representatives for a full account of their stewardship in this connection, and besides full information and answers to four questions, namely: Amount collected, amount subscribed but not collected, amount forwarded to Grand Secretary, amount held by lodges. In addition to circular I found it necessary to write personally to some of the representatives in order to have their reports for the meeting of Central Committee on February 24th, and as a result I was able to lay before the latter meeting a full report of the work to that date in each lodge.

I now lay before you briefly a report to June 30, 1905, of the fund, as I have been able to obtain it from each lodge:

St. Andrew's, No. 16—Amount subscribed, \$189; \$100 collected and remitted. The brethren have not responded to the appeals made as could be desired, and it is perhaps that the canvassing of members was not quite as thoroughly done as it might have been. The next report, it is expected, will be a better showing than this.

Richmond, No. 23—\$16 collected; will try and increase this amount during next year.

Ionic, No. 25—Particularly commendable. Subscribed \$1,136.59, an average of \$4.40 per member; prompt and businesslike in all correspondence; credit due W. Bro. S. Sykes as representative, and Bro. H. M. Mowat, Secretary, and to the lodge in general.

St. John's, No. 75—Only \$51 collected, and this amount was sent about July 5th.

Markham Union, No. 87—Remitted \$58, being more than I expected at the present time, so many brethren having removed to a distance it is difficult to reach them for subscriptions of this kind. W. Bros. G. A. Davison, W. B. Gould and R. A. Mason were active in this connection.

Sharon, No. 97—\$4 sent with annual report. W. Bro. Dr. Pearson, Secretary, will try and collect further.

Tuscan, No. 99—No response to appeals.

Rising Sun, No. 129—This lodge expects to give some account of itself next year when lodge building will have been paid for.

Richardson, No. 136—Ten active brethren subscribed \$1 each, which amount was remitted to Grand Secretary. W. Bro. Shankel, Secretary, informs me he hopes to realize more next year on promises already made and further canvass.

Stevenson, No. 218—W. Bro. Jackson Little, representative and chairman of committee, has been active as possible. The amount collected last year to date is \$75, and the balance to make this and perhaps more to be remitted after their July meeting, July 10th.

Zeredatha, No. 220—No response to appeal as yet.

Brougham Union, No. 269—Same as Zeredatha. No concertive action and no active leader.

Doric, No. 316—Over \$200 subscribed, only \$85 collected, and I have requested that it be remitted as prompt-

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ly as possible. Would be sent about July 6th. This lodge and others who have collected small amounts in comparison to the lodge will continue the work.

Orient, No. 339—\$119 remitted. W. Bro. Gillies was very active as chairman of the lodge committee on the fund.

Georgina, No. 343—Bro. C. E. Tyrrell, who has been recently looking after matters in this connection for the W. M., W. Bro. W. J. Sykes, has just remitted \$202.85 to the Grand Secretary, which I consider a very good sum for the activity shown. The lodge could do more and no doubt will.

Brock, No. 354—Lodge dues have been raised \$1 per year for three years, the first installment of which will not be due until December 31st next.

St. George, No. 367—This lodge organized thoroughly and made good canvass. Result thus far \$155, which has been remitted. A further amount will be realized. W. Bro. F. Saunders is chairman of local committee and a very energetic member.

Zeta, No. 410—Collected \$101.20; remitted July 4th, 1904, \$50.20. Balance, \$51, forwarded July 1st, 1905. A further sum of \$57, subscribed but not yet collected. W. Bro. Col. Thompson, chairman of committee, and W. Bro. A. E. Faulds, Secretary of the lodge, both very active on this matter.

Doric, No. 424, Pickering—Very little energy displayed and no results to my knowledge. Small membership and very scattered.

Acacia, No. 430, East Toronto—Will send \$28 at my request, being the amount collected at last meeting (which I attended), which the Grand Secretary will have early in July. On 5th July I urged them again to remit the \$28 collected.

FRATERNAL DEAD.

For the information of the Committee on Fraternal Dead, I have endeavored as far as possible to procure a complete list of the names of our deceased brethren who during the year just closed have passed from this transitory life, and whom we hope to meet and greet amongst the innumerable host in the Grand Lodge above, where the Great Architect lives and reigns for ever and ever.

St. Andrew's Lodge, No. 16.—Bro. Wm. P. Sutton,

died October 14th, 1904; Bro. Wm. H. Smith, died November 20th, 1904; Bro. Arthur H. Sinclair, died February 12th, 1905.

Ionic Lodge, No. 25.—M. W. Bro. Kivas Tully, P. G. M., April 24th, 1905; W. Bro. John G. Robinson, November 3rd, 1904; Bro. James Richmond, M. M., September 8th, 1904; Bro. Joseph H. Mead, M. M., April 18th, 1905;

St. John's Lodge, No. 75.—Bro. H. G. Laurence, September 22nd, 1904; Bro. T. B. Mishaw, September 29th, 1904; Bro. Wm. Dixon, October 4th, 1904; Bro. David Walker, January 26th, 1905; Bro. W. B. Short, February 3rd, 1905.

Sharon Lodge, No. 97.—W. Bro. Geo. H. Wright, Treasurer of the lodge for 19 years, died April 7th, 1905, and was buried April 9th with Masonic honors in Queensville cemetery; was also a member of Doric Chapter, Newmarket.

Tuscan Lodge, No. 99.—Bro. Jas. Sykes, W. M., died March 3rd, 1905.

Rising Sun Lodge, No. 129.—W. Bro. Jas. McCloskey died February 16th, 1905, a few hours after meeting with an accident by being drawn into a machine at the tannery at Aurora. Buried with Masonic honors on Sunday, 19th. His widow and a large family of small children survive him.

Stevenson Lodge, No. 218.—Bro. J. C. B. Gough, died December 21st, 1904; Bro. Wm. Beatty, died February 24th, 1905; Bro. Wm. Hall, died April 6th, 1905; Bro. Albert J. Mason, died April 17th, 1905; Bro. Wm. Stitt, died May 28th, 1905; Bro. Wm. Wood, died June 17th, 1905.

Zeredatha Lodge, No. 220.—Bro. Jas. Hird, aged 52, died October 4th, 1904.

Doric Lodge, No. 316, Toronto.—W. Bro. W. I. Cameron, P. M., died December 25th, 1904; Bro. G. S. McConkey, died September 27th, 1904; R. W. Bro. A. A. S. Ardagh, P. G. S. W., died October 26th, 1904.

Orient Lodge, No. 339.—W. Bro. D. J. Kelly, P. M., died July 19th, 1904, in Pemoka, Alberta, Masonic funeral to Mount Pleasant Cemetery, Toronto; Bro. Geo. McWilliam, died November 26th, 1904; Bro. Frank Wismer, died February 1st, 1905; Bro. C. F. Phillips, died April 10th, 1905.

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Georgina Lodge, No. 343.—R. W. Bro. A. A. S. Ardagh, P. G. S. W., Died October 26th, 1904; Bro. Henry Cooking, died January 2nd, 1905; V. W. Bro. A. B. Cordingly, Grand Standard Bearer, died June 17th, 1905.

Brock Lodge, No. 354.—W. Bro. Hugh Wilson, P. M., died April 4th, 1905. An old and active P. M. up to his death. A great loss to his lodge and to the town of Cannington, where he has been a very successful merchant. He attended Grand Lodge at Brockville last year.

Ct. George Lodge, No. 367.—Bro F. J. Idenden, M. M., died June 29th, 1904; Bro. Dr. Wm. S. Fraleigh, M. M., died August 19th, 1904; Bro. H. J. Corin, J. S., died January 17th, 1905.

Zeta Lodge, No. 410.—Bro. Wm. Thos. Armstrong, a F. C., died, December 22nd, 1904.

Doric Lodge, No. 424, Pickering.—Bro. John Leslie, M. M., died March 20th, 1905. Was Tyler for many years and up to the time of his death.

OFFICIAL VISITS.

St. Andrew's Lodge, No. 16., Toronto: I visited this lodge officially on March 14th, and the meeting was most interesting. There were upwards of 70 members present, including R. W. Bro. D. F. MacWatt, P. D. D. G. M.; W. Bros. C. E. Howarth, W. M. St. John's Lodge, No. 75; Arthur Pearson, W. M. Doric Lodge, No. 316; Jas. Haywood, W. M. of Zetland Lodge, No. 326, accompanied by officers, members, and several P. M's. This lodge has for many years received very favorable report, and this one is no exception; in fact, the work was most impressively delivered, and this can be perhaps better understood when I further mention the brethren to whom the work of this lodge is intrusted during this year. W. Bro. J. Burwash, of Victoria University, W. M.; Bro. A. W. Hagerman, S. W.; Bro. Geo. A. Kingston, J. W.; W. Bro. Rev. A. H. Reynar, Chaplain; Bro. H. E. Irwin, J. D.; Bro. A. Maccomb, I. G. I should mention the assistance given by R. W. Bros. W. C. Wilkinson and Jas. Glanville, W. Bros. Lovell, Chapman, H. T. Smith, J. Pearson and L. H. Luke. I might mention several other active and distinguished workers associated with this lodge. The Secretary, W. Bro. J. T. Slater, deserves special mention as in previous reports. There are none better and but few his equal. The choir, under the

leadership of Bro. F. A. Bowden, is a large and excellent one. Bro. W. N. Shaver rendered very appropriate solos. The first degree was beautifully exemplified for my inspection. Nothing more remains to be said excepting that the time was profitably spent at the refreshment table, everything said and done thereat has its tendency in the direction to be desired. This lodge very kindly exemplified the first degree at my request at its November meeting by a selected staff of officers and Past Masters, the object being to include the several changes made recently in the work for the information of the Craft in the city generally.

Richmond Lodge, No. 23, Richmond Hill: I visited this old and well known lodge on the evening of December 19th, 1904, and was welcomed by W. Bro. D. Hill, W. M., and introduced by R. W. Bro. A. H. Nicholls, my immediate predecessor in office. Among the visitors present were: W. Bros. J. T. Saigen, J. H. Kirby and R. Rumble, P. M's of Vaughan Lodge, No. 54, and Bro. Bailey, the J. W. of same lodge. There were 20 members present and quite a number of visitors. The third degree was presented for my inspection. The hand of R. W. Bro. Nicholls was apparent in many parts of the work, as, being the D. D. G. M. before me, he had full knowledge of how work should be done. It was presented in a correct manner, or very nearly so. It was the first time that the W. M. had worked the degree, and he showed that he had given it much attention. The Wardens did their work well, as also the S. D., Bro. J. Osborne, who had a splendid delivery, and deserves special mention. The W. M. is greatly assisted during his term by W. Bros. Newbery, I. P. M., T. H. French, G. Leck and V. W. Bro. Thos. Newton, not forgetting to again mention R. W. Bro. Nicholls, the able Secretary, who all go to make this lodge very efficient. They have a particularly pleasant, well furnished lodge room and all the necessary utensils in quite an up-to-date way. A banquet was afterwards partaken of at the Palmer House, and a most enjoyable evening was spent.

Ionic Lodge, No. 25, Toronto: I visited this lodge officially on April 4th at its regular meeting. A distinguished company of brethren was present, including R. W. Bros. Inwood, Brown, Roaf, Morrison, Watson and Aubrey White, P. D. D. G. M's; R. W. Bros. Postleth-

waite and W. G. Eakins, P. G. S. W's; V. W. Bros. Andrew Park, G. S. D.; Harry Leeson, P. G. J. D.; W. Bro. Schoff, W. M. of St. George Lodge, No. 367, his officers, several P. M's, and members; W. Bro. R. C. Harris, W. M. of Rehoboam Lodge, No. 65; W. Bro. Frank Maile, W. M., officers and members of King Solomon Lodge, No. 22; W. Bro. Howarth, W. M. of St. John's Lodge, No. 75, and a large number of visiting brethren. I was presented by R. W. Bro. Eakins and Bro. Eric Armour, D. of C., and received from W. Bro. Dunstan an eloquent address of welcome and a hearty reception throughout. The work submitted for my inspection was the third degree, the candidate, Bro. Owen, being especially well skilled, and to say it was well done is not sufficient commendation. It was most impressively rendered by W. Bro. Dunstan and his efficient staff of officers. There was a proper conception of the work without any appearance of departure from what is laid down. The musical portion was excellent and not overdone, music being introduced only where it seemed effective, impressive and proper. Bro. Ruthven McDonald assisted materially in these exercises. I congratulated this lodge in its work and informed them that I would commend them very highly in my report, also as regards the interest taken in the Semi-Centennial Benevolent Fund, towards which they had at this time already subscribed over \$800, and expect to make their subscription over \$1,000, equivalent to about \$4.50 per member. The funds of this lodge are still ably looked after by R. W. Bro. Postlethwaite, the arrearage of dues on November 20th last being \$21, \$18 of which have since been paid. This lodge has many P. M's actively connected with its workings, and conducive to its strength, progress, good work and success. A most enjoyable time was spent at the refreshment board—excellent music and good speeches, choice refreshments and handsome table decorations. Bro. H. M. Mowat, the efficient Secretary, proves also a good entertainer. The W. M. made an excellent chairman. The whole evening was one of pleasure and considerable profit.

St. John's Lodge, No. 75, Toronto: I experienced great satisfaction with my official visit to this lodge on the 6th of March. There was a large attendance of members, also fraternal visits by the following ruling Masters: W. Bro. Burwash, of St. Andrew's Lodge; W. Bro. Dun-

stan, of Ionic Lodge; W. Bro. Segsworth, of Wilson Lodge; W. Bro. West, of Occident Lodge, and W. Bro. Leach, of Alpha Lodge, who were accompanied by several of their officers and members. I was pleased to have with me R. W. Bro. E. J. B. Duncan, D. D. G. M. Toronto West District, and V. W. Bro. E. M. Carleton, P. G. S. This lodge is equal in every respect to the other city lodges, having a capable set of officers, and it only remained for me to impress upon them the importance of doing the work in a manner to make it impressive and lasting on the person about to be enrolled amongst the members of the Craft. W. Bro. Chas. E. Howarth, W. M.; Bro. Alex. Fraser, S. W.; Bro. J. H. Wilson, J. W., and Bro. W. S. Jackson, J. D., carried out this idea in an almost faultless manner, the work being letter perfect and clearly and carefully rendered. The Inner Guard was not present, being seriously ill. This lodge has a very good choir and good support from several energetic Past Masters. The Secretary and Treasurer are very good officers, and the arrears of dues are light. I referred to the Semi-Centennial Fund in this lodge, as in others visited, and while at the time of my visit but little had been done, I think that this lodge will be well to the front in this as in other good things. A very happy hour was spent at the refreshment board, after which the lodge initiated two more candidates. They have initiated 24 members to this date since last June, and upwards of 12 have been balloted for in addition. I have already referred to the Lodge of Instruction under the auspices of St. John's Lodge, held December 5, 1904.

Markham Lodge, No. 87, Markham: I paid my official visit to this lodge on December 16th, and after being cordially welcomed the lodge was opened in the second degree and Bro. Dr. Young was passed. Then the lodge opened in the third degree and Bro. Russell, after passing a satisfactory examination, was raised to the third degree. In the work thus presented I could not but congratulate the W. M., W. Bro. G. A. M. Davison, in his efficient rendering of it, and congratulated the lodge on its improvement in its workings since I visited there before, in so much that the official positions are now well filled, the attendance of officers much improved, and apparently much greater interest taken in the work and the affairs of the lodge. Much credit is due the present Master, W. Bro.

Davison, also to W. Bros. Jonathan B. Gould, T. B. Rieve, Treasurer, and R. A. Mason, Secretary, whose books are in excellent order. The arrearage of dues is very small. The lodge owns the building in which it meets and has no liabilities. I pointed out a few of the departures from the exact work and informed the officers that if they had one or two rehearsals these would all disappear and they would have a perfect working lodge. Three petitions for initiation were received and good prospects are in store. R. W. Bro. Van Zant, W. Bros. A. G. Gormley, Albert Reesor and Frank Reesor were also present. Another visitor was R. W. Bro. Francis, P. D. D. G. M. Toronto West District No. 11, who added materially to the interest of the evening. The lodge closed about 11 o'clock and a very nice banquet followed at the Franklin House. The usual toasts were given and good speeches made. The Whitby orchestra of several pieces supplied the music, which was very good, and included piano and mandolin duets, making altogether a most happy and enjoyable fourth degree.

Sharon Lodge, No. 97: My official visit to this lodge was made as arranged with the W. M., W. Bro. W. G. Hill, on April 18th, but unfortunately the W. M. was not present, having gone hastily to the Northwest for a few weeks. This absence also caused a disappointment to many of Tuscan lodge, who had intended accompanying me to Sharon, but had not been made aware in time to do so. It was, however, an ideal night, just about full moon, and the drive of five miles each way with W. Bro. Lepard, of Newmarket, was a treat in itself. I was introduced to many whose names were familiar and whom I had looked forward with pleasure to meeting. The lodge opened promptly at 8 p. m., and I received a cordial welcome from W. Bro. J. T. Power, I. P. M., and those present, and grand honors were heartily given. The following P. M's were in attendance: W. Bro. B. F. Pearson, Secretary; W. Bro. Terry, W. Bro. Milne, Acting S. W.; W. Bro. Willson; W. Bro. B. W. Kitely, the S. D. of this year. Bro. Crittenden was passed to the second degree, but I am sorry to have to report that the work was not as well done as I expected to see. W. Bro. Power, of course, did his work well, as also W. Bro. Terry, who assisted him. Had all the regular officers been in their respective places I have no doubt it would have been much

better, or had the first degree been worked it would have been more creditable. They seemingly were not prepared to confer the second degree, and I pointed out that there should have been at least one rehearsal of the degree, as it was unfair to the candidate. The lodge was opened and closed in the third degree, and this was fairly well done. I must not omit a reference to W. Bro. Dr. Pearson, the very efficient and painstaking Secretary, to whose carefulness, attention to his duties, and his kindly disposition the lodge is very much indebted. If a suitable lodge room can be procured at Queensville they will probably remove to that place, as it would be more convenient to the majority and bring about a better attendance. I referred in my remarks to the Semi-Centennial Fund. Light refreshments were served and the usual toasts honored.

Tuscan Lodge, No. 99, Newmarket: I had the pleasure of visiting this lodge officially on March 8th, and was presented by R. W. Bro. T. H. Brunton, P. D. D. G. M., and received a very hearty welcome. Among the visitors present were W. Bro. W. G. Hill, W. M. of Sharon Lodge; W. Bro. C. S. Russell, W. M. of Rising Sun Lodge, Aurora; W. Bro. Hillary, W. Bro. Radcliffe and others from the latter lodge. The third degree was exemplified, Bro. Harvey, an exceptionally good candidate, being raised to the sublime degree. The W. M., W. Bro. H. E. Choppin, was perfect in the rendering of all his work, as was also the S. W., Bro. Morgan. The Senior Deacon being in some distant place, his duties were taken by the J. D., and allowances must accordingly be made, but these changes marred the working of the degree to quite an extent. With a few rehearsals or a little more practice I pointed out that Tuscan lodge would do excellent work. The books are well kept by the Secretary, Bro. C. C. Gamble, while the funds are in good hands with R. W. Bro. Bunton. I may remark here that from what I have seen and heard of the Masonic work of this lodge, great care is always exercised in the material used to build up the membership. They welcome and encourage only solid character. They endeavor to make good men better and not to make better men from poor material. A very pleasant time was spent, and for "post prandial" oratory R. W. Bro. Bunton certainly is well to the front. Perfect harmony and steady progress mark the career of Tuscan lodge.

Rising Sun Lodge, No. 129, Aurora: I had arranged to visit this lodge and hold a Lodge of Instruction on March 3rd, but the sad death by a distressing accident of W. Bro. McCluskey, P. M., the visit was postponed to April 7th. The lodge was opened at 4 p. m. W. Bro. C. S. Russell and his officers exemplified the second degree, the candidate being Bro. G. A. Pollock, who answered all that was required without prompting. The work showed very much attention in all its details, and was carefully and correctly rendered. The lodge was opened and closed also in the third degree correctly. There was a good attendance of P. M's aid members. The Secretary, Bro. C. H. Stone, has his books in good condition, and I was informed that but a very small indebtedness remains on their building (formerly a church), which it is expected will be paid off within a few months. The lodge room is very comfortable and unique, but the ante-rooms are very small. The doors also between the lodge room and ante-room are not sufficient to render the former the safe and secret retreat it should be. Double doors should be provided to prevent interruption. The work was done in somewhat low tone in consequence, but quite audible and none the less effective. At 8 p. m. a Lodge of Instruction was convened, as per circular, and the following Past Masters exemplified the first degree: W. M., W. Bro. D. A. Radcliffe; S. W., W. Bro. J. C. Leadbetter; J. W., W. Bro. F. Baldwin; S. D., W. Bro. Russell; J. D., W. Bro. E. Braund; S. S., W. Bro. Dr. W. J. Stevenson; I. G., W. Bro. Nicol. The work was correct in all its parts and very creditable. I will add that I have never seen work so well done throughout by P. M's, and not often as well by regular officers. The third degree was exemplified by the officers of Richmond lodge, W. Bro. David Hill, W. M., occupying the chair, being assisted by W. Bro. Newberry and V. W. Bro. Thomas Newton, P. G. S, the other regular officers of Richmond lodge all being present except the Secretary, R. W. Bro. H. A. Nicholls, P. D. D. G. M., who was too ill to attend, and the J. W., which latter position was well filled by W. Bro. Trench. The third degree was especially well exemplified, as I knew it would be, it having been presented for my inspection on my official visit to that lodge. The meeting was particularly interesting, and I am quite sure it was profitable. It was the original intention to have

the second degree exemplified by Tuscan lodge No. 99, of Newmarket, but it was thought to be too much for one meeting to be comfortable and enjoyable. W. Bro. Choppin, W. M. of Tuscan lodge, and over thirty of his officers and members were present, including R. W. Bro. T. H. Brunton, P. D. D. G. M., who helped to enliven the proceedings. W. Bro. J. T. Power and others represented Sharon Lodge, No. 97. There were brethren present from Robertson Lodge, No. 292, and Union Lodge, No. 118, Schomberg, and twenty or more Toronto brethren, having chartered a special car, were also present, including V. W. Bro. Andrew Park, G. S. D.; W. Bros. Burwash, L. H. Luke, District Secretary; Col. J. T. Thompson (Zeta), C. E. Howarth (St. John's), A. J. Brown and R. J. Gibson (York). Owing to the special car leaving at 12.20, the Toronto brethren did not remain for the social part of the proceedings, but partaking of a hurried luncheon, and amidst cheers for Rising Sun, Richmond, Tuscan, Toronto, etc., they departed, but did the best they could to continue the fourth degree en route home. The proceedings of the afternoon and evening were all that any D. D. G. M. could desire, and I hope will be productive of much benefit to the Craft in this section of the district. I have to thank Rising Sun Lodge for carrying out my wishes as regards holding a Lodge of Instruction and Richmond and Tuscan lodges for assisting in making it so successful, instructive and interesting.

Richardson Lodge, No. 136, Stouffville: My visit to this lodge was made on the 18th of May. There was an unusually large attendance of members and a very interesting meeting, and I have reason to believe, a very profitable one also. Allowing for certain two or three officers being away from town, those present did very good work, particularly the W. M., W. Bro. R. P. Coulson, whose work was especially correct and impressively rendered. The following officers may also be deservedly mentioned: Bros. A. G. Brown, S. W.; F. H. Gray, J. W.; W. Bro. John McGrath, acting S. D.; W. Bro. J. W. Shankel, Secretary and acting I. G. The following active P. M's were present in addition to those already mentioned: W. Bros. D. C. Smith, W. H. Todd, Geo. Collard (Treasurer), J. D. Forsyth, Rev. A. Philip Brace. Bro. A. C. Burkholder was passed to the second de-

gree, and the lodge opened and closed in the three, all of which was nicely done and indicated close attention. I had the honor of presenting, on behalf of the lodge, P. M. jewels to W. Bros. J. McGrath, J. D. Forsyth and Rev. A. P. Brace, I. P. M. The lodge has recently extended its premises by adding an adjoining room and fitting it up neatly as a larger ante-room and refreshment hall, at a cost of about \$300 and additional rental. The lodge has no indebtedness, granted a needy brother \$20 out of lodge funds, and further assisted him by individual subscription. The prospects of the lodge are bright, and if the difficulty of having officers who will remain in the neighborhood so as to attend regularly can be overcome the good work will go on enthusiastically. W. Bro. J. W. Shankel, Secretary, who has received special mention in previous reports, again deserves recognition for his continued interest and active work. A most pleasant time was spent at the refreshment board in the new room. The Semi-Centennial Fund was urged strongly, \$15 already being subscribed up to date. Bro. Rev. Fred Barber, of Lodge No. 2815, Southport, England, having recently taken up his residence in this town, will affiliate here. His address, amongst others, was very interesting. The opinion was freely expressed afterwards that the meeting was a very successful one.

Stevenson Lodge, No. 218, Toronto: Official visit June 13th, 1905. The reason of this late visit was at the request of the W. M., inasmuch as harmony did not seem to prevail in this well-known lodge and but few petitions were being presented, which is to be very much regretted by all who are acquainted with what has always been considered a lodge doing good Masonic work. The W. M. had been unavoidably absent during the past month or two on an extended trip. This also caused my visit to be made at this June meeting. However, I am pleased to report that ten candidates passed the ballot at the May meeting, which gives hope that the term of the present Master will yet be good and that the dark clouds of discord and trouble may have rolled away never to overshadow the lodge again. I regret that I had occasion to rule in favor of the appellant in an appeal to me by a brother against the W. M. of last year, W. Bro. W. H. Hutchinson, who refused to accept a motion referring the financial report of an "At-home" committee to the Ex-

ecutive Committee in accordance with the by-laws, which say that this committee has charge of all finances and the auditing of accounts. I may say such actions tend very much to disturb the harmony of a lodge and cause anxiety, restlessness, discussion and unkind feelings to prevail. The elections following were warmly contested, and I have referred to what followed. I hope all trouble is past. The lodge's finances have been severely taxed by extra expenditures, the last two "At-homes" were not financial successes, and the expenses of Masonic funerals in some cases were very heavy. I express the hope that the future may at once brighten and that my successor may be able to so record a much more satisfactory state of affairs. On my official visit I was accorded a warm welcome in very kind words expressed by the W. M., W. Bro. W. G. Jones. The first degree was presented for my attention, Mr. Kyle being the candidate, and he was a very good one and should do credit to the lodge. The work of the W. M. was exceptionally good, being very carefully, impressively and correctly rendered. The work of the other officers was also good, and Bro. E. D. Apted, who was acting J. W. on short notice, did remarkably well, including the Junior Warden's lecture for the first time. This was the first time for the W. M. to confer the first degree. Taken as a whole the work was very creditable. The absence of the Organist and no music from the talented singers of this lodge made quite a noticeable difference in the degree work and at the refreshment board. There are several strong pillars in active and continuous support, amongst whom I notice: R. W. Bro. John Watson, P. D. D. G. M.; V. W. Bro. J. W. Jones, and W. Bros. J. L. Little, John Stephens, W. J. Wilson and J. Leake. W. Bro. George Wilson is a very painstaking Secretary, and has been a valuable assistance to the lodge and its members during the past few years. At the refreshment board the usual toasts were given and responses made in a brief but interesting manner. I proposed the toast of the W. M. and officers, and expressed the hope that the immediate future of the lodge would be replete with harmony and prosperity. W. Bro. Jones, W. M.; Bro. C. O. Rockwood, S. W.; Bro. Apted, acting J. W., responded. W. Bro. King, of Occident, did justice to the toast of visiting brethren, and Bro. Kyle for the newly initiated brother. The proceedings were

finished at 12 o'clock, and the general feeling prevailed that the meeting had been a successful one.

Zeredatha Lodge, No. 220, Uxbridge: My official visit to this lodge was made on May 15th, and I was very warmly received by the W. M., V. W. Bro. M. L. Nutting, on behalf of the lodge. I was presented by R. W. Bro. H. J. Gould, P. D. D. G. M., and had a warm handshake with many old friends. The third degree was conferred for my inspection, the candidate being Bro. Sharard, of Knox College, and he was an exceptionally well-informed brother. The obligation of the second degree was correctly given by the candidate for further advancement, and the portions of the work requiring to be done by him without prompting were also correctly given. The officers present rendered their respective parts very well; the Deacons' work showed careful study. The W. M. was very impressive in his delivery. The books are well kept and the finances good, the arrearage of dues being small. I regret, however, to have to report a lack of harmony existing which seemed to cast a gloom over the meeting, and was apparent throughout the evening. An unfavorable ballot was the cause of the cloud, only one candidate being accepted during the term, namely, Bro. Sharard. I can only express the hope that this lodge, looked upon as a splendid one, may soon emerge from the troubled waters and have smooth sailing. I referred as strongly as I could to the Semi-Centennial Fund, as thus far in this lodge nothing has been done. I hope, however, for better results, if not at once, yet within the three years' limit. W. Bro. Joseph Thompson, W. M., and Bro. Tripp, J. W. of King Edward Lodge, Sunderland, were visitors at the meeting. An enjoyable time was spent at a banquet given at the Bascom House.

Brougham Union Lodge, No. 269, Claremont: I paid my official visit to this lodge on May 24th, their regular meeting night, and the attendance was very good, about 24 present, 15 being the average. W. Bro. Donald Beaton, W. M., was in the chair, and I was cordially received. I am no stranger to the brethren here, as I have paid several visits during the past few years, and on two or three occasions I had the honor of installing the officers. This lodge is making good progress and gaining both numerically and financially. It has some very strong and active supporters, amongst whom may be named, W. Bros.

A. E. Major, R. E. Forsyth, Dr. Brodie, J. Douglas, and good officers, W. Bro. D. R. Beaton, W. M.; Thos. Grigg, S. W.; Dr. G. N. Fish, J. W.; Rev. Bro. J. W. Wilkinson, Chaplain. The prospects seem brighter than they have been, and I bespeak for them much prosperity. The W. M. exemplified the first degree in a manner that would do credit to any lodge either in the city or outside, and I remarked that I would be pleased to see him confer the same degree in a city lodge. It was perfect in word and letter and quietly and impressively delivered. Its effect was somewhat marred by some of the officers being absent and their places being filled in an imperfect manner. The J. W.'s work was very good also. Mr. Middleton, the candidate, should make a good member. Bro. G. M. Brodie received his third degree, and it was a disappointment somewhat, as his brother, Dr. Brodie, a P. M. and excellent worker, was to confer it, but was called away at its commencement. However, I had the honor of assisting in the work, also the other P. M.'s. An excellent menu was afterwards served. Good speeches were made and a happy time was spent at the expense of sleep, but it was the anniversary of the natal day of our late Queen.

Doric Lodge, No. 316, Toronto: My official visit to this lodge was made on February 16th. I was introduced by V. W. Bro. Harry Leeson and received with grand honors. Amongst upwards of 100 visiting brethren were: V. W. Bro. Andrew Park, G. S. D.; W. Bro. Burwash, W. M. of St. Andrew's; W. Bro. Howarth, W. M. of St. John's; W. Bro. Harris, W. M. of Rehoboam, and officers and members of these lodges. The first degree was worked for my inspection and was very correctly conferred. W. Bro. Arthur Pearson, W. M.; Bro. J. Woodland, S. W.; Bro. Carr Simpson, J. W.; Bro. Jos. Cannon, J. D.; Bro. J. B. Sutherland, I. G., were practically perfect in their respective work and are entitled to favorable mention, the J. W.'s lecture and the I. D.'s work being particularly good. The choir, also under the able leadership of Bro. Mark Lester, assisted by Bros. Firth, Bannister and Hassall, was exceptionally good, and added greatly to the impressiveness of the ceremonies and the success of the meeting. The Secretary, Bro. H. E. Griffiths, is a very capable officer. His work is very arduous, but he manages it all with skill and ability, devoting considerable time to it. The fourth degree of this lodge

is made of special interest; in fact, this lodge does everything on a large scale, is very progressive, and has made quite a reputation for itself in this direction. The fourth degree was on this occasion of a very elaborate and enjoyable nature. I may briefly add that this lodge has had during the twelve months 35 meetings, 10 regular and 25 emergent; during the previous twelve months it had 32 meetings. A special feature was the designation of their meetings during the term thus far of W. Bro. Pearson, such as the meeting of January 19th being called "Inaugural Night"; February 16th, "District Deputy Night"; April 20th, "Legislature Night," several brethren, members of the Legislature, being present; May 18th, "Empire Night"; June 15th, "Canadian Night." The "At-home" held by Doric lodge at the King Edward Hotel on February 24th was a success in every way, as also was every function of the lodge, including ladies' night, June 27th, a sail on the lake to Hotel Brant, Burlington Beach, which was very enjoyable and all arrangements perfectly carried out. The officers are all workers, as the foregoing bears out, and their experience in regard to cultivating the social side of Masonry has been very extensive.

Orient Lodge, No. 339, Toronto: I made my official visit to this lodge on March 7th and received a very warm welcome from the large concourse of brethren present. Amongst the visitors were: W. Bro. D. Grigg, W. M. of Zeta Lodge; W. Bro. Harris, W. M. of Rehoboam Lodge; W. Bro. Geo. Mitchell, V. W.; Bro. J. A. Cowan, W. Bro. J. Pearson; W. Bro. Geo. Walker, Cork, Ireland; W. Bro. Hessey, Grenadier, No. 66, London, England; Bro. Nix, S. W. Zeredatha Lodge, Uxbridge; R. W. Bro. Malcolm Gibb, and several other distinguished brethren. W. Bro. Cairns, W. M., and his officers exemplified the first degree and opened and closed in the three degrees, and I must say that the work was excellent. Special mention must be made of the work done by the Master, the Wardens (Bros. Mack and Redford), the J. D., Bro. A. M. Thorne, and the Inner Guard, Bro. Wm. Gillespie. I specially complimented these brethren. The charge in the Book of Constitution was well delivered by W. Bro. J. W. Thompson. The S. D., Bro. Harvey Lloyd, was unavoidably absent, but I was assured that he was a very good officer. The Secretary, W. Bro. Frank Anderson, has for years been mentioned in the reports of

my predecessors as "one of the finest," and I can heartily concur in this. For system and neatness he cannot be excelled. This lodge is noted for its open door to visiting brethren and for its hospitality, and I can only say that the time spent at the refreshment board was most enjoyable. W. Bro. Alex. Gillies, Director of Ceremonies, performed his duties well, and the choir rendered the musical portion of the work and their other especial duties very efficiently. This lodge has \$119 on deposit in the Bank of Commerce on account of the Semi-Centennial Fund, and will increase this amount in due course very considerably.

Georgina Lodge, No. 343, Toronto: I visited this lodge officially on the 4th of February, and was accorded a very hearty reception both in the lodge and at the refreshment board. The first degree was conferred on two candidates, the officers being all present and doing the work in its entirety on the first candidate, visiting P. M's and P. M's of the lodge taking part in the initiation of the second. The work was very well done by W. Bro. Sykes and his officers, calmly, not hurriedly, but I may say impressively. The changes, as under the new work, were not included; in fact, W. Bro. Sykes had only recently heard of the changes, but all the officers were quite interested when such were afterwards pointed out—at least most of them, and all were unanimous in adopting them without delay. The S. W., Bro. H. H. McKague, had an impressive delivery, though low. The J. W., Bro. C. B. Murray, delivered his lecture in an excellent manner; in fact, all the officers were good in their respective parts. The books are well kept and very neat in appearance. I felt it only proper that I should witness the opening and closing in the other degrees, and I explained, to their apparent gratification, the closing ceremonies in the third as revised. A very pleasant hour was spent at the refreshment board. W. Bro. Sykes made a good chairman, and I have only to mention that R. W. Bro. Harry Collins, P. D. D. G. M., who proposed my health, greatly assisted in making a pleasant time. W. Bro. Davies, W. M. of Harmony Lodge, and W. Bro. Wilbur Jones, W. M. of Stevenson Lodge, were present and contributed their quota. There were upwards of 70 members and 30 visitors present, and 15 lodges were represented—a good attendance for a Saturday night.

Brock Lodge, No. 354, Cannington: Having visited Brock Lodge on September 21st, at their request, on the occasion of two presentations being made, as already referred to, and it being the first meeting with its new officers, I thought advisable to see them again if I could so arrange another visit to this remote portion of the district. I had the pleasure of meeting them again on June 14th, their election night. The weather was so hot as to make it almost impossible to remain in the lodge room. However, the elections passed off in a manner which I think will be in the interests of the lodge, and W. M.-elect, Bro. Geo. B. Johnston, S. W., should make a good ruler, assisted by Bro. W. T. Vick as his S. W. and Bro. George Campbell as his J. W, good strong P. M's such as W. Bros. Thos. Foster, Dr. Bingham, and Jos. A. Kift, the very efficient Secretary, and others. There were two brethren to be passed to the second degree, but they did not remain owing to the extreme heat. The lodge called off to permit of the room being ventilated, and light refreshments were served, after which labor was resumed, and from the questions asked by some of the brethren as regards the work and other matters, all of which I was pleased to answer, the brethren did not appear in haste to get through with the evening's proceedings. The junior officers were not all present, but their places were filled by others, including W. Bro. Rev. J. Garbutt, of The Spry Lodge, No. 406, Fenelon Falls, who now resides at Cannington, and who acted as J. D. The lodge was opened and closed in the other degrees. Much information and profit was derived and the time well spent. I witnessed the first degree, conferred by W. Bro. Dr. Hart, on my previous visit. I am pleased to record that, pursuant to a notice given at a previous meeting, a motion was unanimously passed to prohibit the use of intoxicants in the lodge or ante-rooms thereof. I was pleased to commend the brethren on this good decision, also on the lodge having had a very good year. Much credit is due to the indefatigable Secretary, W. Bro. Kift, who imparts much instruction to his brethren and attends closely to all matters connected with the welfare of this lodge. This lodge suffered a severe loss by the death on April 4th, at the age of 57 years, of an old and greatly esteemed Past Master, W. Bro. Hugh Wilson, who was one of the strongest and most faithful supporters of Brock Lodge.

He was a prominent merchant and very successful in business, as well as a very popular attendant at his lodge meetings. He attended the Grand Lodge at Brockville last July and was accompanied by Mrs. Wilson.

St. George Lodge, No. 367, Toronto: At the altar of this lodge I received my first light in Masonry, and in course of time I was installed therein as W. M. I had the honor of installing the present W. M., W. Bro. H. A. Schoff in December last, and on May 5th made my official visit of inspection and found everything in splendid working order, and I know from personal observation and experience that everything is done strictly on constitutional lines. There was a large assemblage of the Craft in this spacious lodge room, upwards of 100 visitors being present and a large attendance of members as on an election or installation night. Among the visitors were the following: R. W. Bro. Roaf, P. D. D. G. M.; R. W. Bro. J. B. Hay, W. Bro. J. Burwash, W. M. St. Andrew's; W. Bro. K. Dunstan, W. M. Ionic; W. Bro. Howarth, W. M. St. John's; W. Bro. Harris, W. M. Rehoboam; W. Bro. B. Cairns, W. M. Orient; W. Bro. R. F. Segsworth, W. M. Wilson; W. Bro. J. C. West, W. M. Occident, and several officers and members of these lodges, also W. Bros. Col. J. T. Thompson, A. Gillies, Tim Barber, H. T. Smith, W. F. Chapman, P. T. Lee, W. J. King and several P. M's of St. George Lodge. W. Bro. Schoff and his officers all being present, worked the first degree, assisted by an excellent choir. The was particularly well done. The W. M. justified his position by an accurate and scholarly rendering. Bros. W. Ball and C. Musgrave deserve favorable mention for their part in the musical portion and also the excellent program afterwards. The very active P. M's of this lodge present were: W. Bros. Saunders, Hickson, Meadows, Clemens, Nelson, Stoneham, Burt and Spry. Bro. R. C. Gallagher is a very efficient Secretary, and contributes in a large measure to the prosperity and harmony which prevails. The prospects of this lodge, I am happy to say, are very bright, and financial condition good. It is doing excellent work, and this looks like being a banner year. I received a right royal reception on my entrance and at the refreshment board afterwards, and the kind things said made it a very memorable evening to me. The work, the addresses, the banquet and the program, all were excellent.

Zeta Lodge, No. 410, Toronto: My official visit to this lodge was made on the 28th of April. W. Bro. Duncan Grigg, W. M., and his able staff of officers conferred the first degree on two candidates, G. H. Smith and R. Roche. The work was exceedingly well done and showed careful attention in all its details. There was nothing whatever in the work for a D. D. G. M. to call attention to other than that it was very well rendered. I found all the officers of this lodge in good shape and utmost harmony prevailing. The membership is increasing steadily and everything indicates a healthy condition of affairs. There was a good attendance, and among the many visitors were W. Bros. Harris (W. M.), G. H. Mitchell, Clewlo, and members of Rehoboam Lodge; W. Bros. H. Meadows (I. P. M.), W. C. Burt and members of St. George Lodge; W. Bro. Gillies, P. M. of Orient Lodge and some members of that lodge; also W. Bro. Davidson, W. M. of Markham Union Lodge, and W. Bro. Harry White, of Georgina Lodge. Bros. P. Dykes and C. Musgrave have the choir in good condition. The refreshment board was especially attractive, there being a great deal of talent among the brethren which they were pleased to use for the entertainment of their guests. The P. M.'s of this lodge are active in its welfare. I might mention W. Bros. Col. J. T. Thompson, T. G. Malcolm, Dr. R. C. Griffith, A. B. Mitchell and Geo. McQuillen, I. P. M. Bros. E. Barber, S. W., and J. G. Cain, J. W., are enthusiastic officers and do excellent work. Bro. E. A. Faulds is a very attentive Secretary, and the right brother for that position. His re-election each year has been always unanimous.

Doric Lodge, No. 424, Pickering: I paid this lodge my official visit on Thursday evening, June 15th, its regular night of meeting. The weather was extremely hot. I was rather late in arriving, having had to drive from Claremont in order to fill the engagement, having been north on business. W. Bro. Dr. Brodie, P. M., kindly drove me the first four miles and Bro. Dr. Fish, the J. W. of Brougham Union Lodge, drove me the remaining seven or eight miles and visited the lodge with me. I arrived about 9.30, the brethren, however, being aware of this circumstance and knowing about when I would be on hand. There was no work available, and on account of the heat, I only requested the opening and closing cere-

monies in all degrees, which were very well done. As regards the working of the degrees, W. Bro. Johnston, the W. M., who is now filling his third year as W. M., has ability to do good work. The same may also be said of the other chief officers. Bro. Sparks, the S. W., was absent, and his place was filled by W. Bro. Dr. Bateman. Bro. G. W. P. Every, J. W., is a good officer, enthusiastic, and will in time be heard in the East to good advantage. The Secretary, Bro. D. E. Pugh, is a very efficient officer for that position. He has his books very nicely kept and they show dues very well in hand, only three being in arrears; no indebtedness; the new lodge furniture being all paid for. The prospects of the lodge continue fairly bright, but the lodge could stand more interest and enthusiasm on the part of its members. I was pleased to again meet the esteemed W. Bro. Geo. Kerr, who became a member of the Craft at Prescott in 1863 (a charter member), was W. M. of this lodge, and has filled other offices with much benefit and assistance to the lodge. I also met R. W. Bro. Rose, a Past Grand S. W. of the Grand Lodge of Quebec, and Past Master of Richmond Lodge, Richmond, Que., a very enthusiastic brother, and one who seldom misses a meeting where he happens to be along the line of the G. T. R., and an official of that company. A pleasant time was spent at the refreshment board in the ante-room of the lodge, no intoxicants, but lots of seasonable things being available. I explained amongst other matters the Semi-Centennial Fund, and was asked several questions about it, which were for the benefit of the fund and information of the brethren.

Acacia Lodge, No. 430, East Toronto: I visited this lodge on June 19th, this being my last official visit in this district. They had four candidates for initiation, but unfortunately none were present, for good reasons given in each case. The W. M., W. Bro. T. Brownlee, had arranged to work the first degree for me with a substitute candidate, but on account of the extreme heat of the room I excused him from doing the work in its entirety and asked only for certain portions, such as the obligation, the floor work, the Junior Warden's lecture, and opening and closing in other degrees. The lodge is at present officered by a capable and intelligent staff, and the work I witnessed was very fair, and had it been done throughout with a candidate no doubt it would have been done much

-better. The attendance of members was good, and eight lodges were represented among the visitors. I attended this lodge a year ago with my predecessor at his official visit, and it was the first meeting in the present new quarters after being burned out. The room is very nicely furnished, everything new and the furniture complete. R. W. Bro. W. L. Baynes-Reid, Grand Chaplain; V. W. Bro. John Parsell, W. Bro. John Richardson (Treasurer), W. Bro. Dr. Walters and W. Bro. C. Fitzpatrick, I.P.M., all take a very active interest in the welfare of this lodge.

The Beaches Lodge, U. D., Toronto: On May 6th I had the honor of instituting a new lodge to be known as The Beaches Lodge, in Orient lodge rooms, corner Bolton avenue and Queen street, where they have secured temporary quarters until they have a meeting place of their own further east, as their name indicates near Balmy and Kew Beaches outside the city limits. Their nearest lodge, Acacia, No. 430, East Toronto, gave unanimous consent, and being outside the city will not have concurrent jurisdiction with the 20 city lodges, but only half way to Orient lodge, or as the Beaches express themselves, not west of the Woodbine. There are a few hundred permanent residents now at these beaches and many affiliated and unaffiliated Masons who will have a Masonic home placed within convenient distance. There were upwards of 100 brethren at this inaugural meeting, and among those who assisted me were R. W. Bros. Baynes-Reid, Grand Chaplain; Wm. Roaf, P. D. D. G. M.; V. W. Bro. E. M. Carleton, W. Bros. Jas. Haywood, R. C. Harris, F. Maile, Bernard Cairns, W. F. Chapman, H. T. Smith, A. Gillies, J. W. Thompson, T. Barber, J. A. Richardson, W. H. Grant and H. Meadows. The lodge started out under the most favorable auspices with a membership of 35 on the charter list and 10 petitions for membership, all splendid material. The following are its first staff of officers: W. Bro. J. McP. Ross, W. M.; W. Bro. W. A. Lyon, I. P. M.; Bros. R. J. W. Barker, S. W.; G. M. Ritchie, J. W.; Rev. J. W. Bell, Chaplain; John Lowden, Treasurer; W. J. Farmery, Secretary; Chas. T. Lyon, S. D.; Wm. Orr, J. D.; J. S. White, D. of C.; W. E. Nugent, S. S.; Fred Lyonde, J. S.; W. N. McEachren, I. G.; James Pedley, Tyler. The proceedings at the festive board were of a most enjoyable character. I had the pleasure of attending the following regular

meeting of this bright new lodge on June 10th, and was received with grand honors and a hearty welcome. The ballot was favorable in the ten petitions and three were initiated. The prospects of the lodge seem indeed bright and the work was well done for a new lodge. With a few rehearsals and a little practice together the work done will be equal to any lodge in the district, which is saying a great deal. The officers are all well chosen, and the Secretary, which is very important position in a new lodge, in particular, is well adapted for his work. The books of the lodge are modern and systematic and everything has been done in this connection as in the best regulated and old-established lodges. They conferred on me a very great honor by electing me an honorary life member with full privileges, but even without this unexpected distinction I intend to render them all the assistance in my power and hope to see this sturdy plant grow to one of great vigor and become a credit to the district.

I append the regular statistical statement. I cannot conclude this report, which I have endeavored to make brief, without conveying thanks to M. W. Bro. Hugh Murray for his very prompt replies to my letters to him and the kindly and Masonic wording of all his letters to me. In conclusion I again wish to thank the brethren for the honor conferred on me and to express my warm appreciation of the kindness, forbearance and brotherly love which have been uniformly shown me wherever I have gone. I as gladly welcome my successor as I assumed the cares of this very important, arduous and withal honorable office.

All of which is fraternally submitted.

JOHN J. THOMPSON, D. D. G. M.,
Toronto East District No. 11a.

GRAND LODGE OF A. F. & A. M. OF CANADA IN THE PROVINCE OF ONTARIO
Table Showing the work done in Toronto East District, No. 11A, from June 24th, 1904, to June 24th, 1905.

Number of Lodge.	NAME OF LODGE.	LOCATION.	Mem-ber-ship.		Degree's conf'd.		F. A.	F. C.	M. M.	Affiliations.	Restorations.	Resignations.	Suspensions, N. P. D.	Suspensions, other causes.	Deceased.	Meet-ings held.			Average attendance of members.	Amount paid for relief.	No. of members 12 months in arrears.	Total of all Arrears/Fees.	Date of last G. L. Return.	Financial Standing.	Prospects of Lodge.	Can W. M. work all degrees.	Insurance.	
			Increase during year.	Decrease during year.	Regular.	Emergency.										Total.												
16	St. Andrew's	Toronto.....	318	8	16	10	18	5	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	310	117	51	321	70	15	\$ 118 56	June, 1906	Good	Good	Yes	Trust	
25	Richmond	Richmond Hill	40	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	10	10	17	8	00	2	13 50	June, 1905	Good	Good	Yes	\$2500 00	
26	Ionio	Toronto.....	256	16	15	13	13	8	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	4	9	514	37	290	40	9 00	Feb. 4, 1905	Good	Excellent	Yes	Trust	
75	St. John's	Toronto.....	376	31	31	27	28	7	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	5	11	920	70	...	14	61 06	June, 1905	Good	Bright	Yes	Trust	
67	Markin Un.	Markham.....	61	11	11	11	8	3	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	13	114	97	5	00	17	...	June, 1905	Good	Good	Yes	700 00	
97	Sharon	Sharon.....	64	4	3	3	3	3	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	110	111	10	30	00	...	47 50	Dec., 1904	Good	Fair	Yes	900 00	
99	Tuescan	Newmarket.....	79	6	4	3	3	3	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	113	214	90	...	...	23	164 53	June, 1904	Good	Good	Yes	250 00
129	Rising Sun.	Aurora.....	66	3	6	6	6	3	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	113	215	98	...	...	9	15 00	June, 1904	Good	Fair	Yes	1700 00
136	Richards'n	Stouffville.....	60	1	7	8	8	3	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	12	4	15	10	34	00	...	June, 1905	Fair	Good	Yes	900 00	
218	Stevenson	Toronto.....	212	16	11	11	4	1	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	114	118	24	5	00	...	200 00	Dec., 1904	Good	Fair	Yes	Trust	
220	Zeredatha	Uxbridge.....	80	2	1	1	1	1	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	13	113	16	...	...	4	14 00	Dec., 1904	Good	Fair	Yes	Yes
239	Bronhim Un	Claremont.....	56	5	6	3	3	1	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	10	25	35	40	00	10	...	June, 1904	Good	Good	Yes	300 00	
316	Doric.....	Toronto.....	316	75	71	47	32	13	1	4	3	0	0	0	0	8	10	35	40	00	60	...	Dec., 1904	Good	Bright	Yes	Trust	
339	Orient.....	Toronto.....	358	9	13	15	17	1	2	3	0	0	0	0	0	4	14	23	65	04	90	240 00	Dec., 1904	Good	Good	Yes	1500 00	
345	Georgian...	Toronto.....	242	7	21	21	19	9	10	3	0	0	0	0	0	3	11	23	42	355	40	408 80	June, 1905	Good	Good	Yes	1200 00	
354	Brook...	Cannington.....	26	4	2	1	1	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	1	12	2	14	15	...	9	30 00	Dec., 1904	Good	Good	Yes	900 00
367	St. George.	Toronto.....	229	3	31	27	21	3	3	1	1	0	0	0	0	3	18	21	55	70	00	445 50	June, 1904	Good	Bright	Yes	1000 00	
410	Zeta.....	Toronto.....	34	24	17	22	24	9	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	110	13	23	47	34	00	175 40	Dec., 1904	Bright	Bright	Yes	1500 00	
494	Doric.....	Pickering...	34	1	7	7	6	3	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	12	5	17	39	10	00	June, 1904	Fair	Fair	Yes	250 00
430	Acacia.....	East Toronto	114	5	7	7	6	3	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	12	5	17	39	10	00	June, 1904	Good	Good	Yes	1000 00
UD	The Be'ches	Balmby Beach.	35	7	3	3	3	4	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	2	1	3	18	...	...	...	June, 1906	Good	Good	Yes	...

ONTARIO DISTRICT NO. 12.

To the Most Worshipful the Grand Master, Officers and Members of the Grand Lodge of A. F. & A. M. of Canada, in the Province of Ontario:

MOST WORSHIPFUL SIR AND BRETHREN :

I have the honor to submit my report upon the condition of Masonry in this district. At the outset I wish to convey my sincere thanks to the brethren for the honor they conferred upon me when they unanimously elected me to the highest office in their gift. I entered upon my duties with a great deal of fear and trembling, doubting my judgment and my ability, knowing only that the desire of my heart was to serve the Craft faithfully and well, but such was the unfailing kindness and courteous forbearance of the brethren in every part of the district, that whereas I started the year almost reluctantly accepting office, I now find myself laying down the burden of officialdom with real regret.

To M. W. Bro. Hugh Murray, who has been a father to me in the way of kindly counsel, and to R. W. Bro. E. Fitzgerald, of Fenelon Falls, who accompanied me in several of my visits and was ever ready to assist, I owe a debt of gratitude which at present I can only repay by this heartfelt acknowledgment of their goodness.

My first official act was, at the request of the Grand Master, to constitute and consecrate King Edward Lodge at Sunderland, and assisted by R. W. Bro. Fitzgerald and a number of qualified brethren from Uxbridge, Cannington and other places, I conducted that most pleasurable and profitable function, and at the close installed their officers in due form. King Edward Lodge, No. 464, has prospects of a bright future. The room is commodious, tastefully and comfortably furnished, and a credit to the Craft. Their W. M., W. Bro. Thompson, is a hard working zealous brother who deems no service too great to render his lodge, and all the officers are capable and energetic. I visited them again on the fourteenth of April, and the beautiful and impressive way in which they

worked a third degree was to me a source of great gratification, and I gave them well deserved praise.

December 26th, 1904, I went to Composite Lodge, No. 30, Whitby, to install officers, and early in May I again visited them officially and found everything in good working order, books well kept, dues well paid, and the lodge in a flourishing condition. W. Bro. Richardson and his efficient officers initiated a candidate in a most praiseworthy manner, and a cheering fourth degree brought a pleasant evening to a close.

January 17th, 1905, I visited The Spry Lodge, No. 406, Fenelon Falls, the home of my friend, R. W. Bro. Fitzgerald. Here I was cordially welcomed and royally treated. Spry lodge has well furnished up-to-date apartments, a Worshipful Master who has at heart the best interests of the fraternity, and officers who faithfully and loyally follow his lead. The lodge was opened and closed in the three established degrees in a very creditable manner. There is a spot where Masonry is bound to grow and flourish.

January 18th, 1905, I visited Somerville Lodge, No. 451, Kinmount, accompanied by R. W. Bro. Fitzgerald and several other brethren from Fenelon Falls. Here, as throughout all the north country, I found a goodly company of whole-souled men who practice Masonry daily. It happened to be the night of their installation, and W. Bro. Archie Brandon performed the beautiful ceremony as it always should be done, impressively and from memory. He was assisted in the after portion by W. Bro. Watson, of Minden, of whom more hereafter. The lodge room is small but comfortable, the books properly felt and neatly kept, and the average attendance very promising.

January 19th, 1905, a drive of eighteen miles or so through a country rich in rock, and still with Bro. Fitzgerald in tow, brought me to Minden. Here I found the same warmth of welcome, the same spirit of enthusiasm as I had before encountered. Some of the brethren of Acadia Lodge, No. 440, would drive twenty-five to thirty miles to attend lodge and never miss. What a lesson to those of us who live in the larger towns and cities, living it may be within a stone's throw of the meeting place and yet hardly ever there. W. Bro. Train did some very intelligent work in the first degree, assisted by W. Bros.

Watson and Hartle, both of whom are enthusiastic Past Masters and well skilled in the usages, customs and landmarks. I spent a very profitable hour at the home of Bro. Watson, whose interest in Masonry, past and present, is absorbing. Minden lodge is growing fast, dues well paid, books well kept and carefully looked after, and is a credit to its neighborhood.

February 17th, 1905. Cedar Lodge, No. 270, Oshawa, possesses a staff of excellent, hard working officers, with W. Bro. Slemon at its head, Bro. Drew in the Senior Warden's chair and Bro. F. E. Hare in the south. On the occasion of my visit they put on a third degree in a correct and intelligent manner, the work of the three principal officers being especially good. V. W. Bro. Murton makes an efficient Secretary and keeps the financial conditions of the lodge in a satisfactory state. The lodge room, which is used jointly by the two Oshawa lodges, has been redecorated and is one of the finest in the district.

March 14th, 1905. I visited Mount Zion Lodge, No. 39, Brooklin. Owing to the inclemency of the weather and the well night impassable condition of the roads, the attendance was meagre, and the chairs perforce filled with Past Masters. These, of course, did admirable work, and with such members the future of the lodge is assured.

March 17th, 1905. Accompanied by W. Bro. Baird and others from Oshawa I visited Fidelity Lodge, No. 428, Port Perry, and was surprised and delighted by the beauty and elegance of their lodge room and the character of the work carried on in the same. W. Bro. Hutchison, assisted by an able staff of capable officers, gave a most excellent rendition of the Fellowcraft degree. The lodge is flourishing, applications are coming in fast, yet they are guarding well their portals. I must make special mention of Secretary Spence, who for many years has served the lodge, and whose books are a model of neatness and accuracy.

April 7th, 1905. I visited Faithful Brethren Lodge, No. 77, Lindsay, and found, just what I expected to find, a well organized, largely attended, prosperous lodge, with well appointed rooms and a staff of officers who did their work in a manner not excelled by any lodge in the district. W. Bro. Begg worked for me a first degree, and the evening was a pleasant and profitable one. I had the great

pleasure of meeting M. W. Bro. Harding in his own lodge and greater pleasure in hearing from his own lips that Lindsay had pledged themselves to send in their total assessment for the Semi-Centennial Fund before the meeting of Grand Lodge in July. Truly a fitting and noble example for the rest of the district.

April 13th, 1905, I visited Murray Lodge, No. 408, Beaverton. W. Bro. Dr. Grant in the East gave a very intelligent exemplification of the third degree, the Wardens and other officers all doing good work. Their lodge room is new and spacious. I had the extreme honor on the afternoon of May 17th, 1905, assisted by R. W. Bro. Ross, of Whitby, and several well skilled brethren, of dedicating the same for the uses and purposes of Masonry. The attendance was large and the ceremony, in its dignity and impressiveness, was greatly enjoyed by all. In the evening I had the honor of conducting a portion of the work of a third degree for the instruction of the brethren.

On the following day, May 18th, 1905, Bros. Byrne and Cameron kindly drove me over to Kirkfield where I had a most interesting and profitable visit. The lodge, Victoria by name, No. 398, is thriving and succeeding against difficulties, simply owing to the character of the men who are managing its affairs. The work done by W. Bro. Musgrove and his officers, in the first degree, was most excellent and well merited the praise I gave to it.

April 29th, 1905, I paid a visit, long anticipated by me, to North Entrance Lodge, No. 463, Haliburton. I had heard much of the Haliburton brethren and the excellent character of their work, and there was no disappointment in store for me. It is true the lodge room is small and the accommodation insufficient, but both labor and refreshment were of the highest order. W. Bro. Clarke is a painstaking capable officer, with an extremely retentive memory, and with the help of well grounded Wardens, the work of the third degree was exemplified in a manner reflecting the greatest credit upon North Entrance lodge. The dues are well paid and the affairs of the lodge generally in a satisfactory condition.

R. W. Bro. Fitzgerald kindly acted for me on two occasions, when through indisposition I was unable to fill my engagements. First at the constituting and consecrating of the Haliburton lodge, at which gathering he reports

a most successful and interesting time, and secondly, he was good enough to visit Verulam Lodge, No. 268, Bobcaygeon. He reports a fair attendance and good work, dues well paid, and a general condition of warranted prosperity.

My last official act was the installation of officers at Lebanon Lodge, No. 139, Oshawa, the lodge to which I have the honor to be affiliated. I paid Lebanon lodge two official visits during the year, and on each occasion I noted signs of progress and improvement. The officers are generally well skilled and able and willing to undertake the management of the work. Those that I have recently installed are especially so, and I have reason to believe that a year of pronounced progress is before the lodge. The membership is seventy, the attendance fair, and the finances well looked after.

With reference to the Semi-Centennial Fund, I have zealously endeavored to place the matter and keep it before the brethren throughout the whole district. I have pointed out to them repeatedly the beauty of the scheme, that our fifty years of ever-increasing prosperity, each year beginning with promise, each year ending with fulfilment, should be commemorated and crowned by such a gracious act, and I think the brethren on the whole have loyally responded to my appeal.

And now, in bidding my brethren officially farewell, let me state that if you have received half the pleasure and profit from your intercourse with me that I have from my relations with you, then I have my reward.

All of which is fraternally submitted.

PERCY H. PUNSHON, D. D. G. M.

Ontario District No. 12.

GRAND LODGE OF A. F. & A. M. OF CANADA IN THE PROVINCE OF ONTARIO.

Table Showing the work done in the Ontario District, No. 12, from June 24th, 1904, to June 24th, 1905.

Number of Lodges.	NAME OF LODGE.	LOCATION.	Mem-ber-ship.		Total No. of all Mem.	Increase during year.		Decrease during year.		H. A.	E. C.	M. M.	Affiliations.		Restorations.	Resignations.	Suspensions, N. P. D.	Suspensions, other causes.	Deceased.	Meet-ings held.			Average attendance of members.	Amount paid for relief in arrears.	No of members 12 months in arrears.	Total of all arreages.	Date of last G. L. Return.	Financial Standing.	Prospects of Lodge.	Can W. M. work all degrees.	Insurance.
			Total.	Emergency.		Regular.	Emergency.	Total.	Regular.				Emergency.	Total.																	
30	Composite	Whitby	70	1	71	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	112	214	20	\$38 30	1	\$ 20 00	Feb. 5, 1905	Fair	Fair	Yes	\$ 400 00		
39	Mount Zion	Brooklyn	30	9	39	9	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	117	7	10	15 00	8	123 75	Mar. 14, 1905	Good	Good	No	450 00		
77	F. Brethren	Lindsay	132	15	147	15	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	113	316	11	81 75	11	51 00	Feb., 1905	Good	Good	Yes	1800 00		
130	Lebanon	Oshawa	70	1	71	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	111	11	19	...	6	92 40	Dec. 27, '04	Good	Good	No	600 00		
265	Verulam	Bobcaygeon	57	4	61	4	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	111	9	13	...	8	...	Dec. 27, '04	Fair	Fair	Yes	...		
270	Cedar	Oshawa	70	4	74	4	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	110	10	20	24 50	3	84 00	Dec. 31, '04	Good	Good	Yes	600 00		
298	Victoria	Kirkfield	39	7	46	7	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	110	5	10	...	4	15 00	June 24, '04	Fair	Fair	Yes	...		
405	The Spry	Penelon Falls	51	6	57	6	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	113	417	21	...	1	13 00	June 24, '04	Good	Good	Yes	300 00		
408	Murray	Beaverton	46	6	52	6	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	111	516	25	...	7	...	July 1, '04	Good	Good	Yes	350 00		
438	Fidelity	Port Perry	59	12	71	12	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	113	113	25	6 00	13	130 95	June 27, '04	Excellent	Excellent	Yes	800 00		
440	Arcadia	Minden	47	1	48	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	113	113	16	40 00	...	9 00	Feb. 24, '05	Good	Good	Yes	150 00		
451	Somerville	Kilmount	56	6	62	6	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	111	314	15	10 00	10	30 00	Dec. 27, '04	Good	Good	Yes	600 00		
463	N. Entrance	Halliburton	30	3	33	3	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	213	415	19	40 00	6	13 00	Feb., 1905	Good	Good	Yes	200 00		
464	K. Edward	Sunderland	39	5	44	5	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	113	621	17	...	1	3 00	June 24, '05	Excellent	Excellent	Yes	500 00		

PRINCE EDWARD DISTRICT NO. 13.

To the Most Worshipful the Grand Master, Officers and Members of the Grand Lodge of A. F. & A. M. of Canada, in the Province of Ontario:

MOST WORSHIPFUL SIR AND BRETHREN :

I have the honor to present the following report on the condition of Masonry in Prince Edward District.

I visited each lodge in the district once, with the exception of Consecon, No. 50, which I visited twice, and my own lodge, Sterling, No. 69, which, of course, I attended whenever I was at home on lodge nights.

Consecon Lodge, No. 50, had the misfortune to lose its lodge room and all its property by fire. Of course this was a hard blow, but it brought out the real stuff that Consecon Masons are made of. They set to work at once building a new hall, and I had the honor, as the representative of the Most Worshipful the Grand Master, of dedicating and consecrating this fine building to the purposes of Masonry. The building cost about \$2,500, and at the present time, I am informed, the debt of the lodge is only about \$600, which it is expected will be paid in the not distant future. As Consecon is neither a large nor a wealthy lodge I consider this a striking example of what men of pluck and determination can accomplish when they work together in a true Masonic spirit.

I had two reasons, which fortunately fitted each other, for not visiting the various lodges more than once. First, my engagements prohibited it, and second, the splendid condition of the Craft in this district, thanks in a great measure to the efficient work done by my predecessors, rendered it unnecessary.

I am glad to say that the whole district seems to be working in perfect harmony. I have not heard of a single case of discord, either between the neighboring lodges or members of the same lodge. If there has been any it has been confined to such narrow limits that I was unable to notice it. Personally, my tour of inspection through the district was one continuous, unbroken pleasure, and more

than compensated for the time and labor it involved. Of course, some lodges are more prosperous than others. Some do their work better than others, and some entertain the representative of the Grand Master more elaborately than others. But it is equally true that there is a great difference in the conditions and environments of the several lodges, and where all are striving earnestly and faithfully to do their best under the circumstances surrounding them it would be invidious to make special mention of any. I might fill a large report in relating pleasant incidents of my various visits, but while these are gratifying as examples of the proverbial goodfellowship and true fraternal spirit of our brethren in this district, and I doubt not throughout this jurisdiction, they are of more personal interest to the recipient than of general interest to your grand body assembled for the transaction of business. I might also make up a long list of officers in various positions in the several lodges, who do their work so well that we can call it little short of perfection, while I could name others who do their work so poorly as to be scarcely worthy of the name of work, but I consider it both unnecessary and unwise to do so.

• My predecessor, in his report on Tweed Lodge, No. 239, spoke of "another drawback" which needed correction. The drawback is not corrected yet, and ought to be at once. But as the lodge practically promised me that they would correct it at the earliest possible moment I shall make no more specific reference to it here. But I shall, immediately after his appointment, report the circumstance to my successor, who will no doubt see that the promise is carried out. This is a good lodge and does its work well. It has an unusually efficient and painstaking Master, with good material to follow him, and it would be a pity to have it handicapped any longer by the circumstance referred to.

There is one other lodge that needs a word of warning. It has had the misfortune to lose several Past Masters and some good subordinate officers by removal from its jurisdiction. Unless an extra and united effort is made by those who remain this lodge will soon drop down from the high position it has heretofore occupied. I shall not refer to it more definitely, as the lodge indicated will readily recognize what I mean from the above observations. I have faith in the present staff of officers taking the warn-

ing, and I hope they will do so soon enough to prevent my successor recognizing them under the above description.

I am glad to find that the total arrears of N. P. D. are diminishing each year. The sooner they are wiped out the better it will be for the craft. My opinion is that a man who is, through no fault of his own, unable to pay his dues in any one year should have his dues remitted at the end of the year. And any member who can pay and won't should be promptly suspended at the end of the year. By this means careless Masons who would, in other respects, make good Masons, would be cured of their carelessness. Those who cannot be cured are far better out of the Craft, and the sooner the better. If the lodge is careless the members are apt to become so.

My greatest regret during the year is tht I have not been more successful in awakening the brethren throughout the district to what I consider a sense of their duty in regard to the Semi-Centennial Fund. I have worked hard and earnestly both by correspondence and by personal appeal, to every lodge in the district, and although I have met with a fairly satisfactory response in some lodges, in others the seed still seems to have fallen on stoney ground. There has been some latent and hidden force at work which I have been unable to isolate, as the bacteriologists say. My predecessor did, in my opinion, all that mortal man could do. Still he had to own himself disappointed. There is still a certain amount of prejudice, in some quarters, which I have been unable entirely to remove. These conditions are due, in part, to the vagueness in the details of the proposed scheme. I trust that this vagueness and indefiniteness will be removed at the coming session of Grand Lodge. I am thankful to say that, notwithstanding these discouragements, I have had many responses which show that our labors in this cause have not been altogether in vain. I have good reason to hope that by continued effort before very long this district will have contributed its full quota to this most deserving and important fund.

The Grim Reaper has summoned 15 of our brethren from this district during the year, thus keeping us constantly reminded that man, even in his highest type, is only mortal. We cannot but feel thankful that these brethren, through the teaching of our Craft, if by no other

means, had learned to look upon death as an end to all afflictions and the entrance to a better life.

While I feel truly grateful to the officers and members of the Craft throughout this district for the universal kindness and consideration I met with everywhere, it would be unseemly to omit making special mention of W. ro. S. S. Ashley, the District Secretary, who did all in his power cheerfully to assist me whenever called upon.

In conclusion, if the brethren throughout the district profited by their Masonic intercourse with me, to even a small extent of the benefit and instruction I was able to derive from my intercourse with them, I shall feel that my efforts to fill this important position have not been entirely in vain. I trust it may be so.

All of which is fraternally submitted.

J. EARL HALLIWELL, D. D. G. M.,
Prince Edward District, No. 13.

GRAND LODGE OF CANADA.

GRAND LODGE OF A. F. & A. M. OF CANADA IN THE PROVINCE OF ONTARIO.
Table Showing the work done in Prince Edward District, No. 13, from June 24th, 1904, to June 24th, 1905.

Number of Lodge.	NAME OF Lodge.	MEMBERSHIP	Increase during year	F. A.	T. C.	M. M.	Applications	Resignations	Kearneys	Suspenders & P. D.	Suspenders & other causes	In case of	Regular	Emergency	Total	Average attendance of members	Amount paid for relief	No. of members 12 months	Total of all arrears	Date of last C. L. Return	Financial Standing	Prospects of Lodge	Can W. M. work all degrees.	Insurance			
11	Mora	178	6	7	11	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1			
17	St John's	45	4	7	3	7	4	4	4	4	4	4	4	4	4	4	4	4	4	4	4	4	4	4			
18	Pr Edward	930	4	11	12	9	4	3	6	4	3	6	4	3	6	4	3	6	4	3	6	4	3	6			
20	United	105	4	4	4	4	4	4	4	4	4	4	4	4	4	4	4	4	4	4	4	4	4	4			
38	Trent	90		5	4	4			3	3		12	13	24	24	24	12	25	9		91	30	June 24, '04	Good	Fair	Yes	800 00
48	Madoc	110	3	6	6	5	1	3	3	3	3	12	12	30	30	30	30	30	30	30	120	0	July, 1904	Good	Good	Yes	800 00
60	Concession																										
69	Stirling	63		5	6	2	3	1	5	6		3	19	2	15	19		142	37	5	18	00	June, 1904	Fair	Fair	No	1200 00
91	Colborne	31	5	5	6	5	4	4	1	1		3	12	3	15	24		190	00	29	125	00	Dec., 1904	Good	Bright	Yes	1600 00
123	Bellevue	157	12	12	12	7	3	1	1	1		3	12	3	15	35		190	00	29	125	00	Dec., 1904	Good	Bright	Yes	4000 00
126	Gold n Klei	45	1	4	3	2	1					1	12	1	13	13		80	00	13	50	65	Dec., 1904	Fair	Fair	Yes	300 00
127	Frank	83		1	6	5			3	3		1	12	12	25	25		80	00		50	00	Dec., 1904	Good	Good	Yes	650 00
161	Percy	74	2	5	5	4			3	3		1	12	4	16	20		5	00	10	53	00	Dec., 1904	Good	Good	Yes	200 00
164	Star-in-E	84	7	8	7	5			1	1		12	4	16	20	20		15	00	17	50	00	Dec., 27, '04	Good	Good	Yes	600 00
215	Lake	64	6	3	3	2	3	2	9	9		10	10	25	25	25		40	00	31	906	50	Dec., 1904	Fair	Good	Yes	1000 00
223	Marmora	40	1	4	6	6			1	1		13	1	14	17	17		20	00	31			Dec., 1904	Good	Good	Yes	1000 00
238	Tweed	77	14	11	12	9	8		4	4		12	3	14	15	15		5	00	18	58	35	June, 1904	Good	Good	Yes	400 00
233	Eureka	71	4	1	11	1			1	1		13	8	14	14	14		5	00	18	80	00	Dec., 1904	Good	Good	Yes	400 00
401	Craig	59	3	3	3	3						13	13	13	13	13		45	00	18	80	00	July, 6, '04	Good	Good	Yes	400 00

FRONTENAC DISTRICT NO. 14.

To the Most Worshipful the Grand Master, Officers and Members of the Grand Lodge of A. F. & A. M. of Canada, in the Province of Ontario:

MOST WORSHIPFUL SIR AND BRETHREN:

I have the honor to submit to you my report on the condition of Masonry in Frontenac District No. 14 during the past year.

First of all I wish to extend my sincere thanks to the brethren of the district for the very great honor they have done me in electing me to the important position of D. D. G. M. I have endeavored during my term of office to perform my duties in a fithful and, I trust in some measure, a satisfactory manner.

After my election I appointed V. W. Bro. R. E. Burns as District Secretary, and I wish to express my hearty thanks for the most valuable aid and assistance rendered to me. There are many important duties in connection with the office of D. D. G. M. which a District Secretary can perform, and in the work done by V. W. Bro. Burns my own work was considerably lessened.

I am happy to say that enthusiasm and a true fraternal spirit abound in this district. All the lodges, with one or two exceptions, are making considerable progress, and, while the increase in membership throughout the district is not as large as I would like, yet I can say that quality counts, not quantity. Indeed, the new material received by the various lodges is of the best, and the work being done in Frontenac District is of a very high class; even in the smallest place where a lodge is located the officers take the greatest possible pains and trouble to see the work properly done, and in many instances brethren will drive miles to be present at their lodge meeting, thus showing the spirit of loyalty to the Craft which pervades this entire district.

During my term of office I have visited every lodge officially, and on each occasion the heartiest welcome awaited me, and I shall always look back upon those visits

with the very happiest reminiscences. I owe my thanks to many Past Masters of this city who accompanied me at various times, but more particularly to V. W. Bros. Renton, Burns, and R. W. Bro. John Nicolle, who accompanied me on many a long drive.

The first duty I performed, acting on the instructions of the M. W. the Grand Master, was to constitute and consecrate Rideau Lodge, No. 460, Seeley's Bay, on October 31, 1904, which lodge had been working under dispensation since April, 1903. Accompanied by V. W. Bro. Renton, Assistant Grnd Secretary, and four other Past Masters from Kingston, we drove to Seeley's Bay and found that the brethren of Rideau Lodge had everything in readiness for the ceremony. Owing to the inclement weather the attendance from outside points was small, and it was found impossible to fill the Grand Lodge offices as completely as I would have desired. We were glad, however, to have the assistance of R. W. Bro. J. R. Dargavel, Elgin, and W. Bro. McGee. The ceremony was duly performed, and I had the pleasure of installing the officers of the lodge in the evening. This lodge is making splendid progress, starting with seven members they have now forty-nine, and the work done is very creditable. W. Bro. Gardner proves a highly efficient Master, and is ably assisted by Bro. G. R. Hawkins as Secretary. The lodge room is beautifully furnished and everything is conducive to the comfort of the brethren.

Victoria Lodge, No. 299, Centreville: I visited on November 17th, Thanksgiving Day, accompanied by V. W. Bro. Renton. I was received most cordially by the W. M., W. Bro. A. B. Carscallen, who for very many years has taken a most active interest in the work of this lodge, and to whom is due the credit of keeping it together. A number of brethren from Lorne Lodge, Tamworth, including the W. M. of that lodge, were present. The first degree was conferred, the officers doing their work in a correct and impressive manner. The lodge was opened and closed in the remaining degrees, which also was correctly done. I urged upon the officers to meet regularly each month and endeavor to enthuse the members to regular attendance. The Secretary, Bro. Cox, keeps his books and minutes in a praiseworthy style. The building and furniture is owned by the lodge, and, while the membership is scattered and it is difficult to have large meet-

ings, the W. M. and his officers can be depended upon to use every legitimate means for keeping their lodge alive. I look for future success for Victoria lodge.

Lorne Lodge, No. 404, Tamworth: Visited November 25th, 1904. Here I received a most pleasant welcome. This lodge is active in every respect, and the lodge room deserves special mention; it is most modernly furnished and up to date. W. Bro. Jones is the W. M., and is ably supported by efficient officers. On the evening of my visit there were six second degrees conferred and the work was perfectly done. The work of the Secretary is good and his minutes are accurately kept. On this occasion I had the pleasure of meeting W. Bro. Carscallen and several brethren from Centreville.

Union Lodge, No. 9, Napanee: Visited December 16, 1904. Here I was received by a large and enthusiastic number of Masons. W. Bro. F. H. Perry opened and closed the lodge in the several degrees in a satisfactory manner. There was no work on this occasion owing to the absence of two expected candidates. I feel quite assured, however, that the work of this lodge is of the best. The lodge room is one of the finest in the district and certainly most creditable. The finances are in excellent shape and prospects of the brightest. The election of officers took place during my visit and a most enjoyable time was spent in the refreshment room afterwards. I was glad to meet many brethren from the surrounding places, such as Bath and Centreville.

St. John's Day, December 27, 1904. It was my pleasing privilege to hold a joint installation of the three lodges of the city, viz., The Ancient St. John's, Cataraqui and Minden lodges, at 7.30 in the evening. I was assisted on this occasion by M. W. Bro. Walkem, R. W. Bro. Shaw and V. W. Bro. Renton. There was a large attendance and the meeting was a good one in every respect. One of the most pleasing features of the evening was the presentation of the portrait of the Grand Master, M. W. Bro. Allen. A banquet was held in the Whig Hall at the close of the proceedings.

Simpson Lodge, No. 157, Newboro: Visited January 5th, 1905. The W. M. of this lodge was very kind in calling an emergent meeting for this date so that I could visit Westport lodge on the same journey. Simpson lodge has an excellent reputation for good work, and the

members for the most part take an active interest, although I was sorry that the junior offices were not better filled, but as the weather was exceedingly cold, one of the most bitter nights of the winter, this was excusable. In the W. M., Bro. Johnston, and the Senior and Junior Wardens, the lodge has excellent officers. The work of the second degree was done in a correct and impressive manner. I urged on them the necessity of the junior officers being present on every occasion. I had the pleasure of meeting R. W. Bros. Preston and Lewis, both of whom take a great interest in lodge matters and are only too willing to assist in anything that will materially advance the work of Masonry.

Westport Lodge, No. 441, Westport: Visited January 6th, 1905. Although one of the severest and heaviest snow storms of the season occurred on the afternoon and all the evening of January 6th, completely blocking the roads, yet through the enthusiasm and zeal of that highly esteemed brother, V. W. Bro. Gorrell, a very nice attendance awaited me. I might explain here that a number of the brethren of this lodge live at a distance from the town, but when possible attend regularly. W. Bro. Berry, the W. M., is an excellent officer, giving the work with a great deal of expression, thus rendering it effective. The first degree was conferred, and though there was an absence of some of the junior officers, with the assistance of V. W. Bro. Gorrell, who is a tower of strength and as enthusiastic a worker as ever, the degree was conferred in an able way. Westport lodge cannot fail to progress. I regret to say this lodge has lost from active service their old-time Secretary, W. Bro. Flegg, who was so energetic and painstaking. His occupation has taken him to another place and a younger brother is now filling his office and will do good work.

Leeds Lodge, No. 201, Gananoque: Visited January 17th, 1905. I was requested on this occasion to install the officers, which duty I was only too glad indeed to perform. I received a very cordial welcome, and the attendance was quite large, but not as large as is usual in this active lodge owing to a political meeting which was being held on the same evening. This lodge ranks with the first in the district, the lodge room is a good one, and the furnishings and appointments in keeping. Leeds lodge has the largest average attendance in Frontenac

district, and the officers who were installed are doing good work. W. Bro. Cornett is the W. M. He is certainly one who will keep the active interest in the lodge alive. The Immediate P. M., V. W. Bro. Graham, was invested as Secretary, and his old-time energy will certainly be manifested in that position. I was sorry that R. W. Bro. Skinner, the P. D. D. G. M., was away from home, but his assistance is always counted on in matters pertaining to lodge work.

Albion Lodge, No. 109, Harrowsmith: Visited January 20th, 1905. On this occasion I was accompanied by V. W. Bro. R. E. Burns, and there was quite a large and enthusiastic meeting. I was very pleased to see so many Past Masters present taking an active interest in lodge work. The installation of officers occurred on this evening, and the ceremony was performed by R. W. Bro. F. S. Wartman in a beautiful and impressive style. R. W. Bro. Wartman still retains his zeal for the work, and I was delighted to meet him on this occasion. This lodge is a progressive one in every respect, and with W. Bro. Ruttan as W. M., Bro. McKim as Secretary, and other excellent officers, is bound to flourish and continue to hold its excellent reputation for good work.

Prince Arthur Lodge, No. 228, Odessa: Visited January 23rd. On this occasion I was accompanied by V. W. Bro. Renton. The drive of twelve miles was over heavy roads, and in consequence I did not expect a very large attendance, but was agreeably disappointed as the brethren turned out fairly well. This lodge is in a good state financially, having a considerable amount to its credit. The lodge room is also most creditable and I find an active interest existing. There was no work, but the opening and closing in the three degrees was well done. W. Bro. Gilbert and his officers are very competent, and Bro. Bennett a painstaking and energetic Secretary, his duties being performed in an accurate manner.

The Ancient St. John's, No. 3, my mother lodge, visited on Thursday, February 2nd. Owing to counter attraction there was not as large an attendance as I would have liked, but as I am constantly in touch with the three lodges of my own city I know exactly how the work is being done from time to time. W. Bro. Geo. Creegan, a P. M. of Albion Lodge, Harrowsmith, and for many years an enthusiastic member of the Ancient St. John's,

is the present W. M., and, although over 70 years of age devotes time and energy to Masonic work, being particularly well read and posted on Masonic history and tradition. On the evening of my visit he was not in his usual good health, and in consequence did not do justice to himself or the work of the second degree, which was conferred. I well know, however, from my subsequent visits, of the ability of the W. M. to do work of the first order; in fact, I consider this lodge works second to none. The officers of this lodge comprise several military brethren, whose floor work, being done with military precision and accuracy, is very pleasing. This lodge is very active and progressive. The Secretary's books are excellently kept, and Bro. Comer is a bureau of information for the brethren.

Maple Leaf Lodge, No. 119, Bath: Visited January 16th, 1905, in company with V. W. Bro. Burns. After a drive of 18 miles over very heavy roads it was gratifying to find a good turnout of the members, many of whom had driven long distances over roads almost impassible. The lodge room has been greatly improved in the last year, and is now one of the most handsomely appointed in the district. The inclement weather prevented the attendance of a candidate, so I requested the W. M. to open and close in the three degrees, which was done in a perfect manner. I cannot but make special mention of the work this lodge is doing in connection with the Semi-Centennial Fund. Last year they contributed one dollar per member, and this year the subscriptions already exceed that limit. This is in a large measure due to the work of the W. M., W. Bro. Northmore, and the Secretary, V. W. Bro. Armstrong, who have been untiring, not only in their efforts in connection with the above fund, but also in Masonic work generally. The fact that three petitions for initiation were read on the evening of my visit is an evidence that this lodge is in a very healthy condition.

Elysian Lodge, No. 212, Garden Island: Visited February 7th, accompanied by V. W. Bros. Burns, Renton, W. T. Minnes, W. Bros. Crowe and Jackson, and Bro. McInnes. The night was stormy and the trip across the ice particularly heavy, yet our hearty welcome by the loyal brethren of Elysian lodge amply repaid us. This lodge deserves the highest commendation for its con-

tinued existence. Owing to the exceedingly small area it has to draw from for members one cannot help but admire the unswerving fidelity of the brethren in retaining their charter. The true fraternal spirit certainly exists among the brethren of this lodge. The public library, which is situated on the first floor of the building occupied as a lodge room, is a splendid recreation room for the brethren and is used constantly by them. This library would do credit to a town or city. The brethren are well read and posted in all details. There was no degree work, but the opening and closing in the three degrees was excellently done. I regretted the absence, through illness, of W. Bro. Lappen, who has been a great worker in this lodge. W. Bro. Kennedy is an ideal Master and has able support.

Minden Lodge, No. 253, Kingston: Visited February 7th. A very good attendance greeted me on this occasion, every officer of the lodge being present, which was most gratifying. The second degree was conferred by W. Bro. Tilley, who with his officers certainly merited the highest possible praise for the impressive way in which the work was done. This was only the second meeting with the new officers in their chairs, and it bespeaks well for the lodge. I had the pleasure on this occasion of meeting R. W. Bro. Welsh, P. D. D. G. M., who still retains an active interest in lodge work. Minden lodge is certainly progressive. V. W. Bro. T. D. Minnes, the Secretary, keeps his books in copperplate style. The Treasurer, V. W. Bro. Bailie, carries a nice little balance to the credit of the lodge.

Cataraqui Lodge, No. 92, Kingston: Visited May 12. A good attendance was present, and I was pleased to see so many P. M's taking a continued interest in their lodge. R. W. Bro. A. Shaw was also present. The junior officers were all in their chairs, and the work of the third degree was performed by the W. M. in a perfect manner. The work of his Wardens is also of the best. The charge was most impressively rendered by W. Bro. Smeaton, whose regular attendance at every lodge meeting, not only of his own lodge but the meetings of sister lodges in this city, is a great pleasure and satisfaction to all. The Secretary, R. W. Bro. Hendry, is full of energy, and although one of the oldest Masons in the city, is one of the youngest at heart and full of zeal for Masonry.

His minutes are accurately kept. Cataraqui lodge is very active and its progress sure.

Prince of Wales Lodge, No. 146, Newburg: Visited May 17th. This lodge I had arranged to visit in the winter months, but owing to impassable roads, could not go. However, my visit at a later date was a very delightful one. There was a good attendance and the number was increased by a delegation of eight brethren from Union Lodge, Napanee, headed by W. Bro. Herrington. W. Bro. Welbanks conferred the third degree in an excellent manner, and he was ably assisted by R. W. Bro. Longmore and W. Bro. Nesbitt. This lodge holds a splendid reputation for good work, and a deep interest is taken in it not only by the officers, but by worthy Past Masters who, though having faithfully served their terms, still retain their old enthusiasm. R. W. Bro. Avles worth is an admirable Secretary and his minute books are patterns of neatness. This lodge cannot fail to make itself felt in the district.

Lodge of Instruction, Friday, March 3rd. The M. W. the Grand Master honored the brethren of Frontenac district by being present officially on this auspicious occasion. I say auspicious, because it was one of the largest and most enthusiastic Masonic gatherings ever held in Kingston. The opening and closing in the first degree was by the officers of Cataraqui, and the third by the officers of Minden. The exemplification of the third degree by the military brethren of the city, W. Bro. Creegan and W. Bro. Frape, doing the work of the W. M. The exemplification of the work by these highly skilled brethren proved most efficient and interesting to the immense assemblage of Masns, these being about 300 present. The district was fully represented, and had not the roads been so very heavy the attendance would have been much larger. The M. W. the G. M's presence was certainly sincerely appreciated, and his splendid address inspired enthusiasm in the minds of all present. After a banquet at the British American Hotel the gathering broke up at 3 a. m.

DISPENSATIONS.

Lorne Lodge, Tamworth, to install officers on February 24th; Lorne Lodge, Tamworth, to initiate, pass and raise a serving brother, February 14th; Westport Lodge,

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to hold a joint illustration meeting, June 23rd; Lorne Lodge, Tamworth, to attend divine service, June 25th; Leeds Lodge, Gananoque, to attend divine service, June 18th; Rideau Lodge, Seeley's Bay, to attend divine service, June 18th.

SEMI-CENTENNIAL BENEVOLENT FUND.

On assuming the duties of D. D. G. M. I brought this matter fully before each lodge in the district in a lengthy circular explaining the merits of the fund and also on the occasion of each official visit made an earnest appeal to the brethren for their hearty support to this well deserving object. I fully trust that a ready response has already been made and that this district will uphold its high reputation in connection with this fund.

All of which is fraternally submitted.

JAMES A. MINNES, D. D. G. M.

Frontenac District No. 14.

GRAND LODGE OF CANADA.

GRAND LODGE OF A. F. & A. M. OF CANADA IN THE PROVINCE OF ONTARIO.
Table showing the work done in Frontenac District, No. 14, from June 24th, 1904, to June 24th, 1905.

Number of Lodge.	NAME OF LODGE.	LOCATION.	Total No. of all Mem.	Increase during year.	Decrease during year.	Mem- bership	Degree's confr'd	F. A.	F. C.	M. M.	Affiliations.	Restorations.	Resignations.	Deaths.	Regular.	Emergent.	Total.	Average attendance of members.	Amount paid for relief.	No. of members 12 months in arrears.	Total of all Arrears.	Date of last G. L. Return.	Financial Standing.	Prospects of Lodge.	Can W. M. work all degrees.	Lodges.			
3	A St John's	Kingston	153	8	9	9	4	4	4	4	1	1	1	6	12	5	91	136	00	5	48	Dec 27, '04	Good	Good	Yes	Yes	107	00	
4	Union.	Nainee	106	10	10	10	10	10	10	10	1	1	1	1	11	5	6	301	80	00	37	904	Dec 27, '04	Good	Good	Yes	Yes	100	00
98	Cataract	Kingston	167	10	10	10	10	10	10	10	1	1	1	1	11	5	6	301	80	00	37	904	Dec 27, '04	Good	Good	Yes	Yes	100	00
108	Altitude	Harrowsmith	89	3	3	3	3	3	3	3	1	1	1	1	11	5	6	14	5	00	16	71	Dec 27, '04	Good	Good	Yes	Yes	100	00
119	Maple Leaf	Barrowby	47	6	6	6	6	6	6	6	1	1	1	1	11	5	6	14	5	00	16	9	June 24, '05	Good	Good	Yes	Yes	100	00
148	Pr of Wiles	Newburgh	45	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	11	5	6	14	5	00	16	17	Dec 24, '04	Good	Good	Yes	Yes	100	00
167	Simpson	Newboro	71	7	7	7	7	7	7	7	1	1	1	1	11	5	6	14	5	00	16	73	Dec 24, '04	Good	Good	Yes	Yes	100	00
201	Leeds	Gananoque	136	10	6	6	6	6	6	6	4	4	4	4	10	4	4	14	44	...	28	196	Dec 27, '04	Good	Good	Yes	Yes	100	00
213	Elysian	Gard. O Island	19	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	11	5	6	14	44	...	28	7	June 24, '05	Good	Good	Yes	Yes	None	None
228	Jr. Arthur	Odessa	89	3	3	3	3	3	3	3	1	1	1	1	11	5	6	14	44	...	28	17	April 22, '05	Good	Good	Yes	Yes	None	None
239	Victoria	Centerville	33	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	11	5	6	14	44	...	28	86	July 1, 1904	Good	Good	Yes	Yes	100	00
253	Minster	Kingston	88	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	11	5	6	14	44	...	28	86	June 24, '05	Good	Good	Yes	Yes	100	00
404	Lorne	Tamworth	46	8	8	8	8	8	8	8	1	1	1	1	11	5	6	14	44	...	28	49	June 24, '05	Good	Good	Yes	Yes	100	00
441	Westport	Westport	37	3	3	3	3	3	3	3	1	1	1	1	11	5	6	14	44	...	28	9	July 15, '04	Good	Good	Yes	Yes	100	00
480	Rideau	Seeley's Bay	49	16	16	16	16	16	16	16	1	1	1	1	11	5	6	14	44	...	28	9	July 15, '04	Good	Good	Yes	Yes	100	00

ST. LAWRENCE DISTRICT NO. 15.

*To the Most Worshipful the Grand Master, Officers and
Members of the Grand Lodge of A. F. & A. M. of
Canada, in the Province of Ontario:*

MOST WORSHIPFUL SIR AND BRETHREN :

In submitting my report of St. Lawrence District No. 15, I can state that it has been a pleasant duty and privilege to act in the honorable position of D. D. G. M., to which I was unanimously elected at Grand Lodge communication last year.

The district, as now formed, consisting of fourteen lodges, has been wisely adjusted by the Committee on Re-distribution. Every D. D. G. M. can keep in close touch with the various lodges and can pay official visits with but little trouble and loss of time. I have paid an official visit to every lodge in their regular night of meeting, with the exception of Sussex Lodge, No. 5, Brockville, an emergent meeting of said lodge having been called for the purpose of holding a joint meeting with Salem Lodge, No. 368, of the same city, on the occasion of my official visit. Visiting lodges on regular nights of meeting has proved to be very satisfactory to the members, and as the district is now constituted there is no reason why every lodge should not be visited by every D. D. G. M., as above stated.

I am glad to report that the Order in this District is in a healthy and flourishing condition. The lodges are officered by zealous and competent Craftsmen, the work well executed and uniform—with a few minor exceptions—which on my advice have been corrected. Indeed, so well was the work performed that I did not deem it necessary to hold a Lodge of Instruction. In every instance the Secretaries are competent men, possessing a full knowledge of the duties devolving upon them, and as a result their books are well kept, which is very necessary to the proper working of a lodge. Some of them have been for years acting as Secretary and are therefore experts in the proper management of the Lodge books.

The finances of each lodge are in a healthy condition, all of the lodges are adding to their membership—some to a wonderful extent. It has been my privilege to record a very satisfactory year's progress. Some lodges are so situated as to make them more flourishing than others, but all are doing a noble work and making a splendid showing. A great share of our prosperity is due to the fact that a feeling of fraternity exists between members of sister lodges, a number exchange fraternal visits, which has a tendency to make the officers as near perfect as possible in the work. The Worshipful Masters, with few exceptions, are well posted and skilled craftsmen; they all can perform the duties devolving upon them in a creditable manner. The same can also be said concerning the other officers, proving that the fraternity in this district have used great caution in the selection of officers which they have made.

SEMI-CENTENNIAL BENEVOLENT FUND.

On receipt of a circular letter from the Central Semi-Centennial Committee I immediately organized a District Committee, composed of the following brethren, viz.: R. W. Bros. J. A. Houston, Geo. K. Dewey and R. W. Watchorn. They assembled in the Masonic Hall, Merrickville, at the time appointed, and entered into the work in a very enthusiastic manner. They decided to visit every lodge in the district, place the object of the fund fully before the brethren, have a local committee appointed by each lodge, and urge upon the entire membership the great necessity of paying the several amounts required of them. My sincere thanks are due and hereby tendered to the members of the said district committee for the able and painstaking manner in which they performed their duty. I wrote to every Worshipful Master requesting him and his members to render every assistance possible to the members of the District Committee.

I learned when paying official visits that the R. W. brethren had performed their duty in such a creditable manner that there was but little I could add to make the matter more plain. A number of the lodges have met with considerable success, while others are making every effort to do their duty.

Although frequently urging the matter upon their attention, I am not in a position to know fully what has been

done, as in every instance the amounts collected are to be sent in by each lodge to the Grand Secretary not later than June 30th. I sincerely hope that St. Lawrence District will make as good a showing in regard to the fund as any other district in the province.

DISPENSATIONS.

The following dispensations have been granted to attend divine service: Merrickville Lodge, No. 55, June 18, 1905; Sussex Lodge, No. 5, Sunday, June 25, 1905, and to Harmony Lodge, No. 370, Delta, for installing officers.

BY-LAWS.

During the year the following lodges submitted for the approval of the Most Worshipful the Grand Master, By-laws for the further governing of their lodges, that is to say, Salem Lodge, No. 368, and Lansdowne Lodge, No. 387.

DEATHS.

I have been advised of the following deaths: R. W. Bro. Oliver Bascom, of Mount Zion Lodge, No. 28, on Sunday, November 13, 1904. The deceased R. W. brother was well known throughout the district as a true and faithful craftsman, his zeal for Masonry knew no bounds save those of prudence. He was a kind and loving husband, and a good citizen. His name will long be held in loving remembrance by all who possessed the honor of his acquaintance. Bro. James Moore, Sussex Lodge, No. 5, on October 23, 1904; Bro. A. E. Sliter, Lansdowne Lodge, No. 387, on November 25th, 1904; Bro. Frederick E. Putnam, Merrickville Lodge, No. 55, on December 14, 1904; Bro. William King, Sussex Lodge, No. 5, on May 20, 1905, and Central Lodge, No. 110, Bros. J. W. Leach, J. S. Allen and I. D. Purkis.

COMPLAINTS.

I have received very few complaints and have succeeded in adjusting them amicably.

VISITS.

My first official visit was to True Briton's Lodge, No. 14, Perth, on February 6th, 1905. Quite a large number were present, and the first degree was conferred on a can-

didate by the W. M. and his officers in a very creditable manner. The lodge is in good financial standing. The Secretary, W. Bro. Buffam, is thorough in the discharge of his duties, keeping his books in good condition and looking well after arrearages of dues. The W. M., W. Bros. Hope, McMartin and others made my visit a very pleasant one.

My next visit was paid to Central Lodge, No. 110, Prescott, on Monday, February 7th, 1905. The night was extremely cold; however, it did not prevent a large number of the brethren being present. The lodge room is large and well furnished. The Secretary, V. W. Bro. H. H. Wells keeps his books in perfect condition, and 's a very enthusiastic Mason. I had the pleasure of again meeting R. W. Bros. Graham and Rook. The W. M. and his officers gave every satisfaction to the membership. One second and two third degrees were conferred in a very impressive and instructive manner. Financially the lodge is in good standing.

I visited Mount Zion Lodge, No. 28, Kemptville, on February 15th, 1905. A large number of members and some visiting brethren were present to do me honor. The W. M. conferred two firsts in a highly satisfactory manner. He was ably assisted by his officers, proving that the members made a good selection for the official staff. The books are well kept by the Secretary, W. Bro. S. H. Guest, and the lodge is in a flourishing condition.

My next visit was to St. Francis Lodge, No. 24, Smith's Falls, on February 17th, 1905. This is one fo the banner lodges in the district. It owes, in a great measure, its high state of efficiency to the great interest that has been taken in its success by R. W. Bro. J. A. Houston. He is, and has been for some years, their energetic Secretary, and it is needless to add that his books are kept in first-class condition. A very large number of the members were present, also the W. M. and a number of brethren of Merrickville Lodge, No. 55. A third degree was conferred on a candidate by the W. M., assisted by Past Masters, in a very creditable manner. The officers are all well posted in the work that devolves upon them. In every respect the lodge is in a flourishing condition.

I visited Sussex Lodge, No. 5, and Salem Lodge, No. 368, of Brockville, on March 13th, 1905. There were over two hundred members and visitors present in their

beautiful Masonic lodge room. It is second to none for completeness. Both lodges are officered by zealous and competent craftsmen, having the full confidence of the brethren. R. W. Bro. G. K. Dewey, Secretary of Sussex Lodge, No. 5, is a painstaking official, and his books are kept in first-class order. The same can also be said in regard to Bro. James Reynolds, the energetic Secretary of Salem Lodge, No. 368. The finances of both lodges are in first-class condition. The first degree was conferred on a candidate by the officers of both lodges in an impressive and correct manner. The W. M's of both lodges and officers of both lodges are fully competent to perform all the duties required of them. I had the pleasure of renewing the acquaintance of R. W. Bro. A. Shaw, of Kingston, who was present at the meeting. Brockville lodges possess a number of expert Masons, many who have held high rank in the Order, and who still take a great interest in its success. The lodges also possess an orchestra, under the able leadership of Prof. Bro. John Stenson, which, as a musical organization will take high rank with any of its kind in the province. The musical selections of Bro. W. H. Albery are always very much appreciated.

I visited Lyn Lodge, No. 416, on March 14th, and was accompanied by the following Brockville brethren, R. W. Bro. Dewey, W. Bros. Rath, Gilham and Dowell. About twenty were present. The W. M., R. W. Bro. Bullock and officers are all well posted in the work required of them. The books of the Secretary are well kept, the finances good, and the lodge prosperous. I had the pleasure of again meeting R. W. Bro. Cumming.

I visited Crystal Fountain Lodge, No. 389, North Augusta, on March 15th. R. W. Bro. Dewey accompanied me and installed the officers in a very impressive manner. W. Bro. Dr. Waddell is very prompt in having his work done correctly, and makes an ideal Secretary. The lodge room is owned by the brethren and is nicely furnished. It appears to be difficult to fill the office of Worshipful Master, the present incumbent being a Past Master of many years' standing. As an increase of membership is expected in the near future, I am confident that the present Wardens will perfect themselves in the work and as a result be elected to the East in due time. Financially the lodge is in good standing, and prospects bright.

My next visit was to Lansdowne Lodge, No. 387, Lansdowne. A very large number of members were present to welcome me. Some misunderstanding had been in existence in the lodge for some time, but shortly after my arrival everything was amicably adjusted. The Secretary keeps his books in good condition, the members are very enthusiastic and the prospects of the lodge bright.

I visited Rising Sun Lodge, No. 85, on April 13. R. W. Bro. Rev. L. A. Betts, of Brockville, was present and gave a very inspiring and instructive address. Quite a number were present at the meeting. The W. M. and his officers are young men capable of discharging the duties devolving upon them. They have the able assistance of the Past Masters. The books of the Secretary are well kept, the lodge nicely furnished, and the finances good.

I paid a visit to Macoy Lodge, No. 242, Mallorytown, on April 17th. A large number of the members were present, also R. W. Bro. Bullock, W. Bro. Stafford, of Lyn, and W. Bro. Horton and another brother from Lansdowne. A second degree was conferred on a candidate in a correct manner, the W. M., his Wardens and officers being well acquainted with their several parts. The lodge room is well furnished, the finances good, the Secretary's books well kept, and the membership enthusiastic. They are honored in having a father and six sons as members, which is not enjoyed by any other lodge in the province.

I paid Harmony Lodge, No. 370, Delta, a visit, accompanied by R. W. Bro. Rev. L. A. Betts, on April 19th. A large representation of the members were present. The W. M. and his officers performed their several parts in a very satisfactory manner. The Secretary was not present, but I found that his books were kept in good order. The brethren own their nicely furnished lodge room, and have every reason to be proud of it. The Past Masters and members are all workers in the cause of Masonry, and have considerable work on hand. R. W. Bro. Rev. Betts delivered an instructive address, which was enjoyed by all present.

I visited St. James Lodge, No. 74, South Augusta, on May 15th, accompanied by W. Bros. Mowatt, Story, Knapp and a number of other Brockville brethren. They possess a neat and handsome lodge room. They own the building and are free from debt, the finances are in good condition, and the books of the Secretary well kept. The

members are all up to date and have the interest of Masonry at heart. The first degree was conferred, assisted by the Brockville Past Masters present in a satisfactory manner. The members of St. James lodge have every reason to be justly proud of their fine property.

On May 16th I paid an official visit to my mother lodge, Merrickville Lodge, No. 55, Merrickville. Quite a number of members were present, including some visiting brethren. A second degree was conferred in a correct and satisfactory manner, the officers being well skilled and very enthusiastic. The books are in good condition, the finances good, and the lodge flourishing. The lodge room has been newly furnished, a new carpet purchased, the walls hung with a large number of photographs of Past Masters and members in uniform frames, which adds very much to the fine appearance of the room.

In conclusion I wish to return my sincere thanks to the brethren of the district for the very hearty and welcome manner in which they all received me, and for the many acts of kindness extended to me on every occasion. I have made no mention of the many banquets furnished during my official visits; however, I am deeply grateful for the same, and will ever hold in fond remembrance the fraternal greetings accorded me, also of old friendships renewed and new ones formed.

All of which is fraternally submitted.

G. B. MAGEE, D. D. G. M.

St. Lawrence District No. 15.

GRAND LODGE OF CANADA.

GRAND LODGE OF A. F. & A. M. OF CANADA IN THE PROVINCE OF ONTARIO.
Table Showing the work done in St. Lawrence District, No. 15, from June 94th, 1904, to June 94th, 1905

No. of Lodge	NAME OF Lodge.	LOCATION.	Total No. of all Mem	Increased during year	Decreased during year	F. A.	F. C.	M. M.	Admissions	Restorations	Resignations	Suspensions, N. P. D.	Suspensions, other causes.	Deceased.	Regular.	Emergency.	Meet'gs held	Average attendance of members.	Amount paid for relief.	No. of members 12 months in arrears.	Total of all Arrears.	Date of last G. L. Return.	Financial Standing.	Prospects of Lodge.	Can W. M. work all degrees	Insurance.
5	Sussex	Brockville	196	11	..	12	14	17	4	1	1	3	..	1	13	11	24	30	146 43	22	\$	Dec. 27, '04	Good	Exce Int	Yes	Yes
14	True Brit's	Perth	99	7	..	6	10	6	1	..	1	1	..	1	13	9	15	30	95 00	17	00	Dec. 27, '04	Good	Good	Yes	\$ 700 00
24	St Francis	Smith's Falls	135	5	..	8	6	3	1	..	1	..	..	1	13	4	16	31	115 00	4	00	June 24, '04	Good	Good	Yes	500 00
28	Mc. Zion	Kemptville	53	5	..	7	6	5	..	..	1	..	..	1	13	3	16	18	35 00	15	00	Dec. 27, '04	Good	Good	Yes	500 00
55	Merrickvill	Merrickville	79	..	..	1	1	1	..	1	..	..	..	..	13	3	16	20	45 00	8	00	Dec. 27, '04	Good	Excell Int	Yes	150 00
74	St James	Bethel	50	5	..	5	3	3	..	1	..	..	..	..	13	1	15	23	45 00	12	00	Dec. 27, '04	Good	Good	Yes	500 00
85	Kingston	Athens	58	4	1	4	5	5	..	..	1	..	..	..	13	1	13	20	..	9	00	June 24, '04	Fair	Good	Yes	300 00
110	Central	Prescott	98	6	..	6	7	4	1	..	3	6	..	3	19	1	13	24	96 00	3	00	June 24, '04	Good	Excell Int	No	750 00
243	Macoy	Ma. Orytown	76	5	..	5	3	5	..	..	..	..	..	..	12	2	14	23	..	23	00	Feb. 8, '05	Good	Good	Yes	700 00
364	Salmon	Brockville	141	27	..	24	13	14	2	1	..	..	..	..	14	13	26	50	47 40	27	45	Dec. 27, '04	Good	Excell Int	Yes	Trust
370	Harmony	Delta	62	3	..	3	3	3	1	1	1	..	..	1	11	1	13	14	10 00	7	00	Dec. 27, '04	Good	Good	Yes	150 00
387	Lansdowne	Lansdowne	40	8	..	8	7	7	..	1	1	..	..	1	12	7	19	16	10 00	6	00	Dec. 27, '04	Good	Good	No	None
393	C Fountain	North Augusta	83	1	..	1	1	1	..	..	..	..	..	..	6	1	7	12	..	9	00	Dec. 24, '04	Good	V. y Good	Yes	500 00
416	Lyn	Lyn	38	1	..	1	1	1	..	1	1	..	..	..	12	..	..	10	..	..	00	Dec. 27, '04	Good	Good	Yes	500 00

OTTAWA DISTRICT, NO. 16.

To the Most Worshipful the Grand Master, Officers and Members of the Grand Lodge of A. F. & A. M. of Canada, in the Province of Ontario:

MOST WORSHIPFUL SIR AND BRETHREN:

To complete my duties as inspector of the work in the sixteenth district, I submit to you a report of my visits and the working condition of the lodges. In doing this I shall leave out all recollections of banquets, except one or two at which distinguished brethren were present, and place before you my opinion in as concise a manner as it is possible for me to do, and I hope clear enough for you to gauge the general state of affairs in the Ottawa district.

Following the custom established by my predecessor, I appointed Bro. Rev. A. W. McKay, of Civil Service Lodge, No. 148, District Chaplain, and W. Bro. J. B. Wright, of Prince of Wales Lodge, No. 371, District Secretary. To both of these brethren I return thanks for their help.

The district is now composed of seventeen lodges, all of which I have visited—one country lodge four times, and to five Ottawa lodges extra visits have been paid. With one exception all have presented degree work for my examination—sometimes more than one degree—not reluctantly, but with apparent eagerness and anxiety to do the work well. Bearing in mind the good work—that which was average, or that fair (mistakes having occurred, mostly of an immaterial nature), I think I may truly say that the work will compare favorably with that of another district in your jurisdiction. In the detailed account of my visit to each lodge, which will follow, comparison has been made with a high standard of efficiency, concluding that if I made this the rule when criticising work, it would be an incentive to greater perfection. I make this explanation that I may not appear inconsistent. To put it concisely, the seventeen lodges may be classed as follows: Twelve are well officered and do good work, three do average work, one below average, and one may

be only resting for a time, but I think symptoms of death have set in. All the rest are active.

Returns in at present indicate that the net increase in membership over last year will be 25, or 27 per cent. for the whole district. They also show that in the seven city lodges a gain of over 60 per cent. has been made this year over that of last, and that country lodge work has therefore fallen off considerably. From the same source I gather that arrearages are fully as heavy as heretofore, there being about three thousand dollars unpaid on June 24th. With the exception of Goodwood all have comfortable, well furnished rooms, and funds for their present and immediate future needs.

VISITS.

Dalhousie Lodge, No. 52, Ottawa: A substantial old lodge. Always a good one, but raising its standard from year to year in the choice of officers, and of the material which it is admitting. Recent occurrences, of which I have knowledge, lead to the conclusion that they recognize the fact that every man was not made for Masonry. The hand of death has unfortunately been laid heavily upon their membership the past year, six in all, and although in theory we should mourn for all alike, one cannot help feel sadder when memory calls up two of the old Past Masters, W. Bro. David Scott, who, had he but lived a few months longer, would have seen his son following in his footsteps and installed as Master of the lodge, and V. W. Bro. Reynolds—both equally respected while living, and regretted now that they are gone. My official visit was paid May 2nd, W. Bro. Sproule and his officers presenting a third degree for my examination. The W. M. is a very fluent worker, not easily rattled no matter what comes or goes, although at some of their meetings at which I have been present I thought dictation and annoyance was resorted to by some members from whom wise counsel only should be expected. The work of the other officers was satisfactory, and I considered the degree well done. I accepted their invitation to perform the installation ceremony on June 24th, and have great pleasure in certifying to the efficiency of the present staff and predict a good year for the lodge. Membership, 174; increase, 9.

Doric Lodge, No. 58, Ottawa, of which I am a member.

For the purpose of this report other meetings than that of my official visit May 2nd will be considered. The lodge has held twenty-three meetings. Initiated twenty-six, passed twenty-one, raised eighteen. In members the increase has been beyond expectation. So much degree work has presented itself during the past year as to turn what should be a pleasure into toil and late hours. We were particularly fortunate in having in the first half of my term an energetic, enthusiastic W. M., W. Bro. Bart-ram, who hunted up all the old members who have not been attending and induced them to come to the meetings. He succeeded so well that on one occasion there were not enough ballots to go around, and he was forced to ask if a sufficient number of brethren would volunteer to retire to even up with the ballot box. The work of this W. brother and his officers during that term is worthy of commendation, being up to the standard characteristic of this lodge. I had the sincere pleasure at our last meeting of presenting to this W. brother a Past Master's jewel, and I consider it well placed. The present W. M. and his officers, on the evening of my official visit, conferred the third degree well. The work was given by the W. M. in a distinct, impressive and conversational manner, and the other officers emulated the good example set by him. We were also honored by the presence of the M. W. the Grand Master at one of our meetings, March 28th, the celebration of the fiftieth year of our existence as a lodge. The largest gathering of the Craft of this district that it has been my pleasure to see was present to pay their respects to him. To me was assigned the honor of presenting to him a suitable souvenir of the occasion from Doric lodge. We were delighted to again have with us our old friends, M. W. Bro. William Gibson, the R. W. the Deputy Grand Master, and R. W. Bro. Shaw, also M. W. Bro. Kerr and R. W. Bro. Roaf, who rarely pay the Craft in this portion of the province a visit. All were heartily welcome, and the brethren of the district who were present felt amply repaid after listening to the addresses of these distinguished members of Grand Lodge. Membership, 143; increase for the year, 28.

St. John's Lodge, No. 63, Carleton Place: One of the most progressive in the district. My visit was paid at an emergent meeting held March 22nd, consequently there was a small attendance, but at their regular assem-

blies they have an average of twenty-five for the year. The work presented by W. Bro. Muirhead and his officers was the Master Mason's degree. The performance was nearer perfection than any I have witnessed during my term of office, the floor work of the Deacons being very fine in every detail. This lodge may be included among those who are fortunate in being able to boast that they have competent rulers. Steady progress has characterized this lodge for some years, but the past year has been exceptional, showing the greatest net gain and the largest membership of any country lodge under my supervision, nor has the outlook ever been more promising than at present. The success attending the collection of the Semi-Centennial Fund is due to the persistent efforts and businesslike manner in which the representative on the District Committee, W. Bro. Gorrell, handled it.

Renfrew Lodge, No. 122, Renfrew: I think my visit to this lodge was made too soon after the installation of their new officers for them to do that justice to the work of which they are capable. I am intimately acquainted with a great many of their members, and know that the usual standard of the work is of the highest, but on the evening of my visit executive work went crosswise, to the discomfiture of the W. M., and helped to spoil his degree work. An initiation was exemplified for my examination, and candor compels me to say it was not done as smoothly as I had anticipated from their record, due, I think, to a bad case of rattle, and not to ignorance of the proper way, or a want of interest, but simply as occasionally happens in every lodge—the work got started wrong. The lodge has on the membership roll three enthusiastic P. D. D. G. M's and a band of P. M's who attend regularly and look closely after its welfare. Notice of motion has been given by one of these brethren to raise the initiation fee from twenty to thirty dollars, and as I am an advocate of a high fee I hope it will carry. Membership, 118. Arrears of dues are small—\$69.50; and they have \$450 in cash.

Pembroke Lodge, No. 128, Pembroke: I officially visited March 2nd, in company with R. W. Bros. May and Wilson, W. Bros. Brownlee, Rogers, Brown and Newton, enthusiastic Masons whom I was delighted to have with me. This lodge possesses the nicest and best-appointed premises of any outside the city of Ottawa. Fine large

ante-rooms and corridor, a rare thing for a country lodge. The attendance was small for the membership. The W. M. and officers exemplified the Fellowcraft degree for my examination, the work being fairly well done. The lodge was also opened and closed in the Master Mason's degree, when I was surprised at the various ways in which it is possible to give the casual signs, as exhibited in this instance. The knowledge of the correct way in this regard, I think, is an essential matter, and one which I have had to point out in most of the lodges, an utter absence of the knowledge of the proper movements being the rule. The W. M. appears to be able to repeat the work to a candidate, but lacks a knowledge of the proper way of receiving a superior officer and a familiarity with other little niceties of our ceremonies that are beside the actual work. Visiting other lodge would be beneficial and remedy the defect. These good brethren head the list of contributions to the Semi-Centennial Fund in this district, having paid to the Treasurer \$363 dollars to the credit of this account for the year. To V. W. Bro. Morris, J. G. Forgie and the R. W. the D. G. Master J. H. Burritt, the credit of this proud position belongs of right.

Mississippi Lodge, No. 147, Almonte: A very small attendance on the night of my visit, March 3rd, considering that their membership at present writing is 86. One candidate was passed to the Fellowcraft degree and the work was, with the exception of that of the W. M., W. Bro. Kelly, not very well done, a go-as-you-please gait prevailing all through the meeting; nor did it appear to me that either of the Wardens were conscious of the dignity of their positions or familiar with that decorum in their actions observed by well qualified officers. In a small town of this size—one in which every man is a neighbor—I can readily understand that such things may be a delicate matter for a W. M. to attempt to enforce, and without hesitation I gave him what I considered a helping hand by pointing these errors out after the degree had been conferred. Officers of country lodges unfortunately do not visit where they can see good work done. If they did, mistakes followed for years would soon be rectified and some old-fashioned notions laid on the shelf. They have nice rooms, recently decorated and put in shape. I trust my visit will prove beneficial.

Civil Service Lodge, No. 148, Ottawa: I arranged

with the W. M. previous to the meeting at which I paid my official visit that this lodge should endeavor to give the work of the third degree perfectly, and with a musical service, also that members of other lodges should be invited to attend, my idea being to perfect the Craft of the city in the changes recently made, and in some other portions of the work of this degree, and at the same time giving the visiting brethren the unusual treat of having this impressive degree accompanied by suitable and good music well rendered. The W. M. very kindly consented, and a large gathering was the result. W. Bro. Rowan and his Wardens are good workers, each rendering the part assigned to him in a distinct and impressive tone, and the floor work of the Deacons was excellent. Many complimentary remarks were heard, and the lodge is to be congratulated upon their present officers. The welcome extended to me on this occasion was most fraternal, and I thoroughly enjoyed the evening.

Goodwood Lodge, No. 159, Richmond: I had a pleasant twenty-mile drive with W. Bro. Bartram, of Doric Lodge, No. 58, when I paid my official visit to this lodge in the old village of Richmond. The lodge is one of the oldest in the district. If my memory serves me right, M. W. Bro. Robertson's history records it as having first received a dispensation April 20th, 1821. Be that as it may, I had no hesitation in remarking to the brethren that it looked to me as if the building in which they meet at present writing must have been built at the same date, with very little spent for repairs in the meantime. But before the meeting ended they got back at me in a satisfactory way by stating that a movement was on foot for a change, which I was delighted to hear, as they need new rooms badly. The quality of the degree work which I witnessed—an initiation—I am glad to say was not in line with the premises. Especially is this true on the part of W. Bro. Rev. Chas. Saddington, W. M., who is well up in the work—cool headed and having a good voice. It was a pleasure to listen. The other officers performed their parts fairly well when one remembers the cramped position for the J. D. to work in. Their handling of the executive affairs of the lodge I did not like, and I so informed them. Motions passed at a previous meeting occasionally meet a sad fate at a subsequent meeting, when another is passed distinctly opposed to the

first, and without its being rescinded and without a twinge of conscience as to the legality of the action. Other matters along the same lines led me to point out to them the proper procedure in such cases, and I think they will mend their ways. The membership is 70; increase for the year, 5; average attendance, 15.

Builders' Lodge, No. 177, Ottawa: The city school teachers' recreation ground, not less than eight, I think, being members of this lodge, and take a great interest in the work. Its affairs are entrusted to able hands, and on the evening of my visit, February 10th, there did not appear to be a weak man among the officers, which is no doubt due to frequent rehearsals and the care exercised by the W. M. and his Wardens. The work—that of raising—was performed in the excellent and impressive manner for which the lodge is noted. It has the largest membership of any lodge in the district, namely 179. Increase for the year, 16. I also attended their regular meeting on June 9th for the purpose of installing new officers, and I predict for the lodge under their rule continued prosperity. On my first visit I was requested by the W. M., on behalf of the lodge, to present Past Masters' jewels to three, and at the second visit, to four of their Past Masters. While I admit that these W. brethren were worthy, and though delighted to see them rewarded, I have a feeling that this honor would have been more appreciated if it had been offered at different intervals, thus giving the deputy an opportunity of addressing each recipient in words applicable to his case. W. M's are not at all alike in the conduct of lodge affairs. One may be remembered for his work in a certain part of the duties of his office in which he excels; a second may have become distinguished for his proficiency in another direction, whilst a third may be celebrated as thoroughly qualified in all respects. Handing out these jewels in shovelfuls leaves a bad impression on the mind, is liable to create a wrongful idea of the value of this rank for young members, and probably lead them to believe that no matter what their conduct may be on attaining the P. M. rank, they will get a jewel. I think the lodge that is not too free, but conservative, in this respect shows good judgment. Another pleasant event of the evening was a presentation by the lodge of a case of silver to a charter member, R. W. Bro. Rea, who is really "the warrior" of

the district. R. W. Bro. Featherstone in well chosen words acted for the members on this occasion.

Madawaska Lodge, No. 196, Arnprior: The idea was very quickly impressed upon my mind that "the distinguishing characteristic of a Mason's heart, charity," would be the first and chief business at any meeting of this lodge when help is required among their members, an illustration of which occurred on the occasion of my visit, namely, a nurse and funds provided to pay expense already contracted, and for future needs in the case of a serious illness of an old P. M. A resolution was passed empowering the W. M. to get a nurse and pay what was necessary, with that dispatch which could only come from frequent habit of responding, in time of need. The total sum paid for relief for the year amounted to \$126, showing plainly that the word "charity," as understood by this lodge is not an empty sound. The executive work was done with a swing—not tediously, as often occurs—the result of the W. M. and Secretary having it under perfect control. The second degree, conferred for my inspection by the W. M. and his officers, was equally well done. All were well drilled, due to frequent practices and a proper understanding of the work. It is a most satisfactory lodge and I thoroughly enjoyed my visit. Membership, 99; increase for the year, 2.

Evergreen Lodge, No. 209, Lanark: The purpose, I assume, for which this lodge was started, that of keeping "ever green" in the memory of the brethren of Lanark the principles of Freemasonry and a knowledge of Craft work seems to have been entirely lost, and the title of the lodge in its present condition altogether inappropriate for one dying of neglect and indifference, as this is. I am truly sorry for W. Bro. Buffam, the present Secretary, and three other brethren whose names are written on page after page of the attendance book, and underneath "no quorum." They have had but one meeting (February 7th) from June 24th, 1904, until the date of my visit, June 6th, 1905, the regular night for the election of officers. The W. M., W. Bro. Rev. D. C. MacIntosh, was away, so the Secretary, W. Bro. Buffam, took the chair, and conducted the election, a P. M., not present, being elected to the position of W. M. Whether the officers have been installed or not I have been unable to find out, although I have written and offered to go up if I could be

of any help, but they do not reply to communications promptly. Their present membership is 50, 38 of whom are in arrears of dues, with a total arrearage of about \$350. To find a reason or excuse for their present position is difficult. It is what is termed a "mill town," and I judge that the greater portion of the members are mechanics, or employed and live in the village within a stone's throw of the hall, so that the old excuse of country lodges, "long drives" does not apply in this case. The surrounding country is a fine one, and the people seem prosperous. I could not learn of any dissension among the members, and apparently therefore it would appear that the lodge is dying of that disease called "dry rot." To suggest a remedy to my successor would be easy, but hard for him, as the village is twelve miles from a railroad station. I think they need repeated visits of an enthusiastic and well-posted Mason to stir them up—one who will go around and look them up on the day of meeting, and lead in the work of the evening. Few men, however, have the time to do this. Perhaps it would be true to say that fewer still have the inclination to do it for those who are so indifferent themselves.

Fidelity Lodge, No. 231, Ottawa: I was present at their meeting in December to inspect the work, and was greeted by a large turnout of their own and visiting members. I am gratified at the change for the better in this lodge, for at one time it was suggested that the charter should be surrendered, but a few enthusiastic brethren determined to bring it up to a good standard and they have succeeded. They now have 143 members on the roll. Net increase for the year, 10. Average attendance, 30. The work of the evening was the first degree, which was well done by the W. M., W. Bro. A. P. Herbert and his officers. Some mistakes were made, of course, but on the whole the work was up to the average. My remarks upon the misses were received kindly, and I think they will be remedied in the work hereafter. The pleasure was assigned to me of presenting to W. Bro. S. S. Davidson a P. M.'s jewel on behalf of the lodge. A zealous Mason, and a thoroughly good fellow; I was delighted to be their mouth piece on this occasion. I again visited the lodge June 20th and installed their officers. The auditors' report was read, and I learned from it that they have \$1,100 invested in bank stock. The present

W. M., W. Bro. Dr. Scott, will make a fine ruler. He will be ably assisted by his officers, and I predict for the lodge a successful year.

Chaudiere Lodge, No. 264, Ottawa: I visited April 25th and June 27th. The work on each occasion was the initiation of three candidates, not in any sense well done, in either case. The Senior Warden has practically resigned, and that chair has to be filled by a Past Master each night. The Deacons do not take any great interest in the work, so that the W. M., a brother well up in years, has rather an uncomfortable time. Dissatisfaction, never an out and out quarrel, of a couple of years' standing among the officers, and which of course has extended to a few members outside of the staff, has really been the cause of the present working condition of the lodge. This cause is now happily clearing away, and I hope that soon the lodge will return to its normal working state. It seems to me a difficult lodge to govern, needing a man at its head with sufficient force of will and tact to make the others carry out his wishes. The present one is too good-natured and inexperienced to fill the bill. He could, however, improve matters in a marked degree if he would take the trouble to drill two or three members whom I know are capable and have offered their services for subordinate positions. Work would then be better than at present. Membership, 130; increase for the year, 12.

Prince of Wales Lodge, No. 371, Ottawa: I was present at their regular meeting, 24th February, for the purpose of making observations for this report and witnessing a very fine presentation of the ceremony of initiation of a candidate. I previously asked the W. M. that he and his officers endeavor to do the work as perfectly as possible, and also that he extend invitations to members of other city lodges to be present. W. Bro. Brownlee in his usual kindly way, readily acceded to my request. To those living here and knowing these officers, it would be needless to say that the brethren were treated to a very fine exemplification of this degree, the whole being done with that solemnity which makes a good impression on the candidate. Only one or two misses were made, and they were pointed out only because of the circumstance related above, and not to find fault. The official staff of the lodge are as capable of working the other degrees as

the one presented on the night of my visit. W. Bro. Wright, Secretary (who is also the District Secretary), has his books in the best possible shape. Its membership is 109; increase for the year, 20; outstanding dues, \$50; cash in hand, about \$800. My debut in the "guid claes" of a D. D. G. M. was made in this lodge on September 23rd, the celebration of their 25th anniversary, and Past Masters' night combined. The W. M.'s chair was occupied by W. Bro. Northwood, who with the officers for the evening worked the first degree. Although it is many years since the W. brother held that position by election, it was done with that completeness and vigor which younger men might advantageously emulate, and brought forth complimentary remarks from all present. He also received great commendation for the character of the address with which he favored us when the work was finished. The brethren were also honored by the presence of the R. W. the Deputy Grand Master, who was asked to perform one of those little courtesies that make life pleasant. The brethren of the city having requested him to present to Bro. Sweetman, Tyler of the lodges for the past fifty years, with a photo of himself and a purse well filled with gold. The pleasure also was given me of presenting a Past Master's jewel to W. Bro. Paine, a zealous member of the lodge. M. W. Bro. Ellis, of St. John, and M. W. Bro. T. B. Flint, P. G. Masters of New Brunswick and Nova Scotia were also present.

Bonnechere Lodge, No. 433, Eganville: The impression got into my head from some source before I reached the village that this lodge was not in very good shape, but that impression was removed by what I saw and heard on my official visit. It may be that I gathered this wrong impression from reports of the poor premises occupied. But this has now been changed, the brethren having secured other, and, I understand, more commodious and appropriate quarters. They are waiting for some one to dedicate these new apartments, which ceremony I advised should be put off until the fall season. The W. M. and officers conferred the third degree on one candidate, he having to repeat the obligation of the second degree before the work started. The rendering of the W. M.'s part was not an impressive one; but, on the contrary, it was taken at that galloping pace which is hard to follow and unpleasant to hear, showing that he does not possess

a proper conception of his position as a teacher in the Craft, nor of the subject matter of this degree. I pointed out to him that I considered this a defect in his work, and one easily remedied by studying the ideas intended to be conveyed, which, if once impressed upon his mind would enable him to exemplify the degree more naturally, more impressively, and more in accordance with its solemn character. Mistakes occurred, of course, in the work of the other officers, but on the whole I considered the degree as having been conferred in average form. These brethren are enthusiastic, anxious to learn, received what I had to say in a fraternal spirit, and I have not the least doubt that the lodge will continue to prosper and to improve materially in their work.

Cobden Lodge, No. 459, Cobden: The first of my visits of inspection over the district was made to this lodge in company with distinguished P. M's from Renfrew, and W. Bro. Bartram, of Ottawa. They have a comfortable hall and all the necessities for the requirements of the work. The W. M., R. W. Bro. Rev. M. Wilson, conferred the E. A. and M. M's degrees in an impressive manner, showing familiarity with his subject, but like nearly all brethren who follow his calling in life, expressed his knowledge of it to a considerable extent in his own language, which, however, seemed to me as appropriate to the occasion in hand as the authorized work. I had not the heart to do more than request a closer attention to the recognized version, and to caution those present who are not likely to be so gifted, and who may perhaps occupy that position in the lodge at some future time, from attempting to follow his example. The rest of the officers performed the work in a very creditable manner considering the length of time they have existed as a lodge. I pointed out the changes made in the floor work and had the satisfaction of seeing them carried out. I was much impressed with the fraternal spirit exhibited toward each other, also with the fact that having two ministers of the gospel, W. M. and J. Warden, in office, both staid Presbyterians, the brethren could not possibly go far astray. Membership, 49; increase for the year, 13.

Carleton Lodge, No. 465, Carp: The youngest in the district. The pleasure was assigned to me of delivering to them their warrant and consecrating their hall on October 14th by direction of the M. W. the Grand Master. In

this work I was ably assisted by R. W. Bros. Cleary, Wilson, Robertson, May, Hood, and other distinguished brethren from almost every part of the district, a complete list of whose names I have unfortunately mislaid. This lodge has been launched under exceptionally advantageous circumstances. The present W. M. owns the building, in which they have all the requirements the work calls for. Fine country district around them, and all good fellows. The brethren entertained the visitors after the lodge closed. Instructive addresses were delivered at the banquet by Bro. John Reid, of Dalhousie Lodge, Ottawa, and Bro. Rev. J. D. MacCallum, Chaplain of the lodge. I have paid four visits to this lodge, deeming it my duty to see that they got started properly, and to give them help in the work if required. From what little trouble I have taken I have been amply rewarded in observing the interest the brethren take in the work and the success that has accrued in the lodge in consequence. At my official visit of inspection February 16th the work of the evening, an initiation was very well performed. Some mistakes were made, which I pointed out after the work was over, but I am not at all ashamed of their actions. The W. M. is the member for Carleton county of the Legislative Assembly, and consequently a busy man. I do not think up to the date of my official visit he could confer the third degree. They have now a membership of 40, a gain of 10 for the year.

DISPENSATIONS.

Dispensations granted by me have been for the purpose of attending divine service only, namely, to St. John's Lodge, No. 63, Carleton Place; Renfrew Lodge, No. 122, Renfrew; Pembroke Lodge, No. 128, Pembroke; Mississippi Lodge, No. 147, Almonte; Cobden Lodge, No. 459, Cobden; Carleton Lodge, No. 465, Carp.

AMENDMENTS TO BY-LAWS—DISPENSATIONS.

Amendments to by-laws confirmed by the M. W. the Grand Master, also dispensations granted by his favor to the lodges and likely to be reported by him, I do not record.

CONSECRATION.

That of Carleton Lodge, No. 465, Carp, as mentioned in my report on that lodge.

INSTALLATIONS.

I have made no particular record of the installation of officers made by me in the different lodges, for, although of some local interest, they are hardly of sufficient moment to the craft at large to be more than incidentally referred to here.

DEATHS.

Information in this regard, generally speaking, reaches the D. D. G. M. by chance, and not through the Secretary, the proper channel. I have knowledge of the following: V. W. Bro. W. G. S. Reynolds, W. Bro. David Scott, Bro. David Goyer, Bro. Archie Bailey, Bro. J. C. DalGLISH and Bro. R. F. Yule, of Dalhousie Lodge, No. 52, Ottawa; Bro. Aaron Brown, of St. John's Lodge, No. 63, Carleton Place; Bro. Elkanah Mayhew, Bro. Daniel Hiliard McArthur, Bro. Wm. Barclay Craig and Bro. Wm. N. Faichney, of Renfrew Lodge, No. 122, Renfrew; W. Bro. Shillson, Mississippi Lodge, No. 147, Almonte; W. Bro. George Richman, Bro. E. A. Bates, Bro. R. G. Moles and Bro. John Riddell, Madawaska Lodge, No. 196, Arnprior.

SEMI-CENTENNIAL FUND.

In compliance with instructions received in this matter I appointed R. W. Bro. Robertson, Treasurer, W. Bro. J. B. Wright, Secretary, and one member from each lodge to compose a District Committee. I also requested the W. M. of each lodge to appoint a sub-committee assigning to each a certain number of the brethren to call upon in the interests of this fund. With one exception (Evergreen, No. 209, Lanark) all have responded and did good work. Madawaska Lodge, No. 196, Arnprior, have \$123 collected which they are holding in trust to the credit of this account, and which will be paid over when they have completed collection of \$3 per member. This District Committee have held two meetings—on December 7th, 1904, and June 14th, 1905. The total return from the fifteen lodges, paid over to the Treasurer on these two occasions, amounted to \$1,836.50, which has been forwarded to the Grand Secretary. I think it is only proper that I should record the names of those brethren who composed this committee and also the amount paid in by each lodge, for the information of my successor. Perhaps, too, it

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may be an incentive to those lodges who are apathetic to brace up and do better next year.

LODGE CONTRIBUTIONS.

77 Yonge street, Toronto, Oct. 1st, 1904.

Dalhousie, No. 52, Ottawa, R. W. Bro. G. S. May	\$156 00
Doric, No. 58, Ottawa, R. W. Bro. Robertson.....	345 00
St. John's, No. 63, Carleton Place, W. Bro. Gorrell...	140 00
Renfrew, No. 122, Renfrew, R. W. Bro. Barr.....	68 50
Pembroke, No. 128, Pembroke, V. W. Bro. A. Morris..	363 00
Mississippi, No. 147, Almonte, W. Bro. Dr. Steele....	53 00
Civil Service, No. 148, Ottawa, R. W. Bro. Walsh....	173 00
Goodwood, No. 159, Richmond, W. Bro. Dr. Danby....	19 00
The Builders, No. 177, Ottawa, R. W. Bro. Rea.....	101 00
Fidelity, No. 231, Ottawa, W. Bro. H. W. Wilson.....	182 00
Chaudiere, No. 264, Ottawa, W. Bro. W. Ross.....	104 00
Prince of Wales, No. 371, Ottawa, R. W. Bro. J. Wilson	63 00
Bonnechere, No. 433, Eganville, W. Bro. H. G. Beattie	46 00
Carleton, No. 465, Bro. T. E. Argue.....	25 00
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REMARKS AND SUGGESTIONS.

There are one or two matters which I desire to touch upon and which I think, if adopted, will be beneficial in the executive affairs of lodges, particularly in those of city lodges.

1. In regard to Secretaries. That officer is usually voted a sum of \$25 yearly, "not as a reward for his services," being the general term of the resolution. I notice that is about all the reward he gets other than the oft-expressed snub on asking for dues from members. To my mind this sum is not enough, considering the time spent, nor is it sufficient to induce a good man to accept the position. Many suspensions and resignations would, I am persuaded, be avoided, and there would be much less outstanding dues were Secretaries paid adequately, and that it was made a part of their duty to personally call upon brethren in arrears—of whom unfortunately, there are many at present. Business methods are not, but should be, applied to this important part of Masonic work, and I think that a matter of say, \$75 a year, would be well and profitably spent in this direction by any of the Ottawa lodges.

I am also in favor of the plan of giving a rebate in cases where the full year's dues are paid in advance. This plan, together with the better payment of Secretaries,

would help materially, though perhaps not altogether solve, the problem of arrearages.

In visiting the different lodges I have recommended that the initiation fee should be raised from \$30 to \$50 or even \$60. Freemasonry is too cheap—at all events in this district. It seems to me beneath the dignity of this ancient and honorable fraternity that when a legitimate but unusual expenditure, however small, is mentioned, there should be scratching of heads and wonderment as to whether the lodge funds can stand the call. Lodges generally in this district have enjoyed a great measure of prosperity during the last few years and yet, as a rule, they are all (or nearly all) comparatively poor, so much so indeed that a cessation of work for a couple of years would probably result in financial embarrassment, if not worse, to the majority. And this monetary straitness is owing largely to too small an initiation fee.

I have long thought men are joining under this low fee who are unable to afford even that much—that they are paying us money which should rather be spent upon their families. Everyone has not the right to this luxury any more than he has to any other luxury beyond his means, and the result of his indulgence finds expression in indifferent attendance at lodge and in arrearages. If a candidate is not in a position to pay an adequate initiation fee and keep up his dues quite outside his duty to those dependent upon him, I think the matter should receive serious consideration when the application is considered.

Then there is the speculative individual who is ready to take the risk of a return in some form for his investment when the initiation fee is low. With, however, an adequate fee such undesirable individuals would probably be debarred from offering themselves.

In my opinion the lodges have altogether too much dry routine work, night after night, occasionally, indeed, extending into the morning hours. A reference to the work performed by one particular lodge and mentioned elsewhere, namely, 26 initiations, 21 passings and 18 raisings, ought to convince anyone conversant with the necessary labor entailed that there should be a change. Such a record is, I submit, more than any lodge can perfectly perform. There is not enough time to properly post Candidates and instruct them so that they may acquit themselves creditably, not enough time to do other than

automatically grind out Masons, who are under present circumstances dismissed so hurriedly and so abruptly as to give the newly initiated a poor impression of the work and its impressive character, which is a matter for deep regret, since first impressions are generally the most lasting. It would apparently be better for the Craft to enlighten and interest present members and those who may be initiated, though few in number, under an increased fee, than to imperfectly instruct a larger number.

In advocating a substantial increase in the initiation fee I have had in mind the spreading of a better knowledge of the aims and objects of the Craft, as well as the development of the fraternal and social phase of our work—helping to make our lodges what they were intended to be, namely the educators and promoters of good fellowship and brotherly love.

In the goodness of their hearts the brethren on the occasion of my different visits provided a surfeit of banquets. To my thinking banquets are a mistake unless indeed instructive addresses are given, otherwise one soon tires of hearing speeches, the main burden of which is "I am glad to be here," and which, unfortunately, is pretty nearly the limit of my own elocutionary powers.

Of course, I do not presume that these remarks and suggestions are shared by all the brethren, but perhaps there may be therein matter for reflection and adoption. At all events, I know that a good many brethren are favorable to the suggestion of a considerably larger initiation fee.

And now I have finished the story for which many of the brotherhood await anxiously from year to year, eager to learn whether what is said be complimentary or otherwise. If in my report any have been rubbed the (to them) wrong way, or should they feel they have been misjudged in their work, I trust they will remember that the welfare of the Craft has been consistently kept in mind, and that there has not existed any desire to point out for purposes of ridicule to the Masonic world, either lodge or member. If I had made any mistake I can unhesitatingly assure the brethren it has been made through ignorance of what are, perhaps, the true conditions, and not from any wish to be ill-natured or fault finding.

The year has been an exceedingly pleasant one to me. I have met everywhere with unvarying kindness and true

brotherly regard. My experience has taught me that the apron which we wear is a "badge of innocence and a bond of friendship among the eighteen hundred and fifty members of this district, subject, of course, to the usual frailties of human nature. I can assure you that I have appreciated the high honor of being unanimously called to rule over them.

All of which is fraternally submitted.

S. A. LUKE. D. D. G. M.

Ottawa District, No. 16.

GRAND LODGE OF A. F. & A. M. OF CANADA IN THE PROVINCE OF ONTARIO.

Table showing the work done in the Ottawa District, No. 16, from June 24th, 1904, to June 24th, 1905.

NAME OF LODGE.	LOCATION.	MEMBERSHIP.		R. A.	F. O.	M. M.	AFFILIATIONS.	RESTORATIONS.	SUSPENSIONS.	SUSPENSIONS, N. F. D.	SUSPENSIONS, OTHER CAUSES.	DECEASED.	REGULAR.	EMERGENCY.	MEETINGS HELD.		AVERAGE ATTENDANCE OF MEMBERS.	AMOUNT PAID FOR RELIEF IN ARREARS.	NO OF MEMBERS 12 MONTHS.	TOTAL OF ALL ARREARAGES.	DATE OF LAST G. L. RETURN.	FINANCIAL STANDING.	PROSPECTS OF LODGE.	CAN W. M. WORK ALL DEGREES.	INSURANCE.	
		INCREASE DURING YEAR.	DECREASE DURING YEAR.																							
38 Dalhousie.	Ottawa.	174	9	1613	9	9	2	1	5	1	...	6	11	10	21	27	\$74 00	32	\$ 309 75	June 24, '04	Good	Bright	Yes	H. Com.		
56 Dorio.	Ottawa.	145	28	2621	18	7	7	1	5	3	1	...	9	10	13	23	25	90 25	15	325 00	Dec. 27, '04	Good	Bright	Yes	H. Com.	
63 St. John's	Carleton Place	167	14	1613	15	6	6	2	1	2	...	...	9	13	9	22	25	10 00	35	175 00	Dec. 27, '04	Good	Bright	Yes	500 00
122 Renfrew.	Renfrew.	118	1	6	6	6	2	1	2	...	...	...	4	13	6	18	25	30 00	18	60 50	Dec. 27, '04	Good	Bright	Yes	500 00
128 Pembroke.	Pembroke	188	1	4	5	6	...	...	...	...	...	...	2	14	3	17	...	76 00	13	193 75	Dec. 27, '04	Good	Bright	Yes	1400 00
147 Mississippi	Almonte.	86	1	5	1	2	...	...	...	...	...	...	1	5	2	7	24	50 00	14	212 50	...	Good	Bright	Yes	500 00
148 Civil Serv.	Ottawa.	104	...	11	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	9	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...
159 Good wood	Richmond.	70	5	4	7	6	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	11	3	13	15	10 00	...	...	Dec. 27, '04	Not Good	Fair	Yes	500 00
177 Builders.	Ottawa.	179	16	1713	6	5	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	12	4	16	46	63 35	17	333 59	Dec. 27, '04	Good	Bright	Yes	H. Com.
186 Medaw'sks	Arnprior	99	2	1110	13	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	13	10	23	17	136 00	13	124 75	Dec. 27, '04	Good	Bright	Yes	750 00
203 Evergreen.	Lanark	50	...	1	1	1	1	2	...	3	9	5 00	26	340 00	June 24, '05	...	V. y Poor
251 Fidelity.	Ottawa	145	10	1914	13	3	...	...	...	...	...	...	9	10	4	14	30	92 50	11	177 64	Dec. 27, '04	Good	Bright	Yes	H. Com.
264 Chaudiere	Ottawa	130	12	12	8	7	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	13	2	15	31	126 50	19	929 38	June 24, '04	Fair	Not Good	Yes	H. Com.
271 Pri. Wales	Ottawa.	109	20	1816	19	3	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	10	6	16	23	70 00	6	50 00	Dec. 27, '04	Good	Bright	Yes	H. Com.
423 Bonnoch's.	Eganville.	49	5	10	9	6	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	45 00	9	114 75	Dec., 1904	Good	Fair	Yes	500 00
459 Cobden.	Cobden.	49	13	12	9	9	1	...	...	...	...	...	...	19	3	18	21	5 00	...	...	Dec. 27, '04	Fair	Bright	Yes	400 00
465 Carleton.	Carp.	40	10	6	5	5	1	...	...	...	...	...	...	30	7	17	20	...	...	...	Dec. 27, '04	Good	Bright	No	600 00

ALGOMA DISTRICT, NO. 17.

To the Most Worshipful the Grand Master, Officers and Members of the Grand Lodge of A. F. & A. M. of Canada, in the Province of Ontario:

MOST WORSHIPFUL SIR AND BRETHREN :

I beg herewith to submit my report on the condition of Masonry in this district during the past year. I appointed as District Secretary V. W. Bro. D. H. Currie, of Pequonga Lodge, No. 414, and as District Chaplain Bro. the Rev. E. J. Harper, of Fort William Lodge, No. 415.

While the number of lodges in this district is small, the distances between them is very great. I should have liked to have been a frequent visitor at all the lodges, but the great distances made this impossible.

Generally speaking, Masonry is in a good healthy state throughout the district. Still, there is room for improvement, especially as regards attendance of members at the regular meetings of their respective lodges. This is a point I dwelt on specially in addressing the various lodges, and I also spoke strongly as to punctual opening. If the brethren as a whole feel that the lodge will be opened punctually at the hour named they will be more likely to turn out in large numbers.

One of the first official duties devolving upon me was the constituting and consecrating of Ionic Lodge, No. 461, at Rainy River, which had been working under dispensation, having been deputed by the M. W. the Grand Master to represent him at such ceremony. The ceremony took place on the afternoon of the 24th of August. Accompanied by three P. D. D. G. M's, a number of Past Masters and brethren, I left here on 23rd August, reaching Rainy River the following morning. The forenoon was occupied in seeing that everything was ready and in good shape for the meeting in the afternoon. Grand Lodge met at 2.30 p. m. in a hall in the same building as the lodge room of Ionic lodge. I selected R. W. Bro. T. Chapple to act as D. G. M.; R. W. Bro. D. T. Ferguson, as Director of Ceremonies; R. W. Bro. A. More, as

Grand Chaplain; V. W. Bro. D. H. Currie, as G. S. W.; W. Bro. W. Robertson, as G. J. W.; W. Bro. Campbell and W. Bro. Baker to carry the ark; W. Bro. Frisbie, as Grand Pursuivant, and Bro. Echlin, as Grand Tyler. I had seen that each one was perfectly familiar with the duties he had to perform, and had also seen that the W. M. of Ionic lodge was instructed. At 3 p. m. Grand Lodge proceeded in procession to Ionic lodge room, and the ceremonies of constituting and consecrating the lodge and of installing the officers were then conducted. The ceremonies were performed in the fullest detail, excepting that there was no music. Grand Lodge returned in procession to their room and was closed at 5.30 p. m. The attendance of Ionic members was very large, especially for an afternoon meeting.

I devoted considerable time during the year to the Semi-Centennial Benevolent Fund and addressed a number of circular letters to the different lodges, and dwelt upon the matter when officially visiting each lodge.

DISPENSATIONS.

The following dispensations were granted during the year: Lake of the Woods Lodge, No. 445, Kenora, to attend the funeral of the late Bro. Neil Macmillan; Royal Lodge, No. 453, Fort William, to attend the funeral of the late Bro. W. H. Macrae; Shuniah Lodge, No. 287, Port Arthur, to attend the funeral of the late Bro. Robt. Jackson; Shuniah Lodge, No. 287, Port Arthur, to attend the funeral of the late Bro. Henry W. Demuth; Lake of the Woods Lodge, No. 445, Kenora, to attend the funeral of the late Bro. Frank J. Ap'John; Fort William Lodge, No. 415, Fort William, to attend divine service at St. Luke's Church on 25th June; Pequonga Lodge, No. 414, Kenora, to attend divine service at St. Alban's Church on 1st July; Fort William Lodge, No. 415, Fort William, to meet for one year in the Oddfellows' Hall, granted by the M. W. the Grand Master.

VISITS.

Ionic Lodge, No. 461, Rainy River: I visited this lodge on the evening of 24th August. As I had been accompanied from here by R. W. Bros. Chapple, Ferguson and More, and by a number of other P. M's and brethren, they attended the meeting. The third degree

was conferred upon a candidate. The Master of the lodge, W. Bro. Donald Robertson, is a P. M. of many years' standing, having been W. M. of Keewatin Lodge. He had his lodge in efficient shape and the work was well done. The attendance was large. If this meeting can be taken as a criterion the outlook for this new lodge is bright. At the banquet given after the meeting some 60 sat down and a few pleasant hours were spent in speeches and songs.

Granite Lodge, No. 446, Fort Frances. I had made my plans so as to go on from Rainy River to Fort Frances and visit Granite Lodge on the 25th August, accompanied by a number of the brethren who had come to Rainy River with me, having notified Granite lodge on 15th August of my intended visit. But while at Rainy River on 24th August I received a telegram from Granite lodge stating that they could not hold a meeting on the 25th August. I, therefore, did not proceed to Fort Francis. I had hoped to be able to visit there this year after the opening of navigation, but have found it impossible to do so. To visit there by winter meant a journey of some 600 miles. I am unable, therefore, to make any special report upon this lodge.

Keewatin Lodge, No. 417, Keewatin: I visited this lodge on the 4th November. I was accompanied by R. W. Bro. D. T. Ferguson, V. W. Bro. D. H. Currie, W. M. of Pequonga lodge; W. Bro. W. Robertson, W. M. of Lake of the Woods lodge, and several other brethren from Kenora. This was the regular meeting of the lodge, and the third degree was conferred upon a candidate. The work was satisfactorily done. I have been a frequent visitor for a good many years at this lodge, and was not in any way a stranger there. The attendance was pretty good. A pleasant hour was spent after the meeting, when we returned by boat to Kenora.

Lake of the Woods Lodge, No. 445, Kenora: I paid my official visit to this lodge on the night of their regular meeting on 12th April. The work for the evening was the conferring of the second degree upon a candidate, and was satisfactorily done. I have generally found the work very well done in this lodge. The membership of the lodge is not large. At this meeting there were 80 per cent. of their resident members present and about 30 visitors, so that it was a most successful meeting. The

average attendance at their regular meetings is very good in proportion to the total membership. They have a good class of members and should make this a most successful lodge.

Fort William Lodge, No. 415, Fort William: I visited this lodge on the evening of 15th May. The third degree was conferred upon a candidate. The work was very well done. The lodge seems to be in a flourishing condition and the members enthusiastic. The W. M. of Shuniah lodge, Port Arthur, and the W. M. of Royal lodge, Fort William, were present, and also a number of visiting brethren from these lodges. There was a large attendance. I have found matters very promptly attended to by the officers of this lodge. A pleasant social time was spent after the meeting.

Royal Lodge, No. 453, Fort William: I visited this lodge on the 16th of May. I had the W. M. open in the three degrees. The work for the evening was the conferring of the first degree upon a candidate. The work was all well done by the W. M. and his officers. The attendance was large. The lodge seems to be in a growing healthy state. I spent two pleasant days in Fort William and thoroughly appreciated all the kindness shown me by the members of both lodges there.

Shuniah Lodge, No. 287, Port Arthur: I visited this lodge on the evening of 17th May. My experience of Masonry in Port Arthur was very pleasant and gratifying. The attendance at the meeting was very large, over 80 being present, and of these 18 were Past Masters. The work for the evening was the conferring of the first degree upon a candidate. In a lodge so live, united and enthusiastic it is needless to say that the work was well done in every respect. After the meeting an excellent repast was enjoyed in their commodious ante-room, followed by speeches and songs. I found this a most interesting and enjoyable meeting in every way. I cannot let this opportunity pass without expressing by appreciation of the kindly Masonic spirit in which I was entertained while in Port Arthur. Masonry in the twin towns, Port Arthur and Fort William, seems to me to be in a very healthy state.

Pequonga Lodge, No. 414, Kenora: I visited this lodge officially on the night of their regular meeting on 7th June. I was disappointed at the small attendance,

especially considering that part of the business of the evening was the election of officers. They get considerable work in the lodge, and it seems surprising that there should not be a larger turnout of the brethren at their meetings. An effort should be made to encourage the members to attend in larger numbers. The lodge has a large membership and is in good shape, and with Masonic enthusiasm put into it it should have most successful meetings and a good future before it. The work for the evening was conferring the first degree upon a candidate.

I was pleased to note in my visits to the different lodges in the district that there was, on the whole, uniformity in doing the work. This is an important point and one we should all aim to bring about. The encouraging of brethren to be Masons at all times, not only in the lodge rooms, the engendering of spirit of brotherly love among us all, the endeavoring to instil a feeling of pride in the fraternity among the brethren, these are points worthy of the best efforts of all of us.

Before closing my report I wish to express my appreciation of the honor conferred upon me by my brethren. I appreciate it all the more as there are many who could have filled the position more ably. It has been my endeavor, however, to uphold the dignity of the office and to conscientiously discharge the duties appertaining thereto and in every way to promote the welfare of the Craft. I also take this opportunity of thanking the brethren throughout the district for the uniform kindness and courtesy shown to me.

All of which is fraternally submitted.

W. A. WEIR, D. D. G. M.

Algoma District No. 17.

GRAND LODGE OF A. F. & A. M. OF CANADA IN THE PROVINCE OF ONTARIO.
Table showing the work done in Algoma District, No. 17, from June 24th, 1904, to June 24th, 1905.

Number of Lodge.	NAME OF Lodge.	LOCATION.	Total No. of all Mem.	Increase during year.	Decrease during year.	E. A.	F. C.	M. M.	Admissions.	Restorations.	Resignations.	Dispositions, P. D.	Expulsions, other causes.	Deceased.	Regular.	Emergency.	Meet- ings held.	Average attendance of members.	Amount paid for relief.	No. of members 12 months in arrears.	Total of all Arrears.	Date of last C. L. Return.	Financial Standing.	Prospects of Lodge.	Can W. M. work all degrees.	Insurance.
387	Shulab ..	Port Arthur ..	197	23	3	20	23	23	5	1	...	...	...	3	14	17	31	45	\$10 00	25	\$ 155 00	Dec 27, '04	Good	Good	Yes	...
414	Piquette ..	Kenora ..	103	13	10	8	10	8	1	3	6	...	...	1	14	5	19	16	40 01	19	149 50	Mar., 1905	Good	Good	Yes	\$500 00
415	Ft William	Fort William	113	20	4	28	24	23	3	1	4	...	...	...	14	13	27	33	41 50	13	307 40	Dec. 27, '04	Good	Good	Yes	\$500 00
417	Reewatin	Reewatin ..	60	2	1	1	1	1	1	...	1	...	...	...	13	13	13	14	10 00	31	483 00	Dec. 27, '04	Bright	Bright	Yes	\$500 00
445	L. LeWoods.	Kenora ..	30	4	4	4	3	4	...	...	...	...	...	2	11	5	16	11	...	5	106 00	June 24, '05	Good	Good	Yes	...
446	Granite ..	Fort Frances ..	52	2	2	2	2	2	...	...	1	...	...	...	14	1	15	17	...	4	106 00	Jan 17, '05	Good	Good	Yes	\$500 00
454	Royal ..	Fort William.	51	6	6	4	4	4	1	...	...	...	...	...	13	6	19	16	...	3	43 30	June 24, '04	Good	Good	Yes	\$500 00
461	Ionic	Rainy River ..	51	16	13	19	11	8	...	...	...	...	...	...	15	10	25	17	...	...	...	Jan. 23, '05	Good	Good	Yes	\$150 00

NIPISSING DISTRICT, NO. 18.

To the Most Worshipful the Grand Master, Officers and Members of the Grand Lodge of A. F. & A. M. of Canada, in the Province of Ontario:

MOST WORSHIPFUL SIR AND BRETHREN :

I beg leave to submit my official report on the condition of Masonry in this district for the past year, as follows :

My first official act was to appoint V. W. Bro. J. B. Way, a Past Master, and Rev. Bro. Piercy, a member of Keystone Lodge, Sault Ste. Marie, District Secretary and Chaplain respectively.

To V. W. Bro. Way I owe a debt of gratitude for the valuable assistance rendered me in the discharge of my official duties generally and for his untiring efforts towards increasing the Semi-Centennial Benevolent Fund contribution in the Nipissing District.

I visited each lodge once with the exception of Keystone, which I visited twice, and instituted one lodge, namely, Gore Bay under dispensation, and for such purpose necessarily travelled twelve hundred and fifty miles. In every instance, with one or two exceptions, I found the lodges active, working with uniformity and efficiency and in accordance with established usage. The tendency seems to be, in this district at all events, to elect young men to office and sustain and advise them by the advice of elder brethren with a view of bringing the different lodges nearer to a state of accuracy and efficiency. Every lodge, with one exception, Sturgeon Falls, has very comfortable quarters and attractive lodge rooms, and all are in a fairly good financial condition.

It was my privilege during my term of office to have consecrated Temiscaming Lodge, No. 462, New Liskeard, but owing to the distance and the difficulty and expense in reaching that point, the Grand Master, at my request and at the request of the W. M. of Temiscaming, authorized P. D. D. G. M. Young, then a resident of new Liskeard, to perform that duty, and the lodge was consecrated by him accordingly. It was my privilege also to

institute Gore Bay Lodge, U. D., which I did on the 24th May, as hereinafter set out.

From personal observation and from knowledge gained during my official tour, I am strongly of the opinion that petitions for the institution of lodges in small places and in sparsely settled districts should be discouraged. I quite agree with my predecessor in office, R. W. Bro. Dr. Arthur, as to the "danger of ceding to the optimistic views of brethren in small hamlets and granting them dispensations for the formation of lodges."

SEMI-CENTENNIAL BENEVOLENT FUND.

This laudable project was taken in hand vigorously and action adopted to have the lodges communicate with their members, urging upon them the claims of the fund to their generosity and support. To this end the lodges were requested to advise as to the action taken, particularly in regard to the distribution of the circular issued by the committee of Grand Lodge. It was found that some of the lodges had not received a supply of this circular, and the defect was remedied. From the reports there did not appear to be a general interest, such as might be expected, two or three only of the lodges having shown any method in the attempt to raise their apportionment, the others having made only indifferent progress.

The matter was followed up with a strong letter to the Worshipful Masters, again urging promptness in the treatment of the matter, with a request that they furnish me with particulars as to the standing of each, upon a form sent them for the purpose. The replies showed that fair progress was being made in several lodges, but seemingly without that enthusiasm which I believe should characterize the efforts put forth in behalf of so praiseworthy an object.

Doric Lodge, of Little Current, heads the list with their quota paid up and remitted for two years. The energetic Master of this lodge, fully convinced of the benefits of the scheme to the Craft, and appreciative of this opportunity of practicing the virtue we profess to admire, stated that they did not feel they had yet done all they should have, but that the remittances would be supplemented by a substantial addition in the near future.

Mattawa and Sudbury lodges have made a very creditable showing, and I expect to see them occupy a foremost place in the *completed list*.

Efforts have not been spared to place the Sault Ste. Marie lodges in a foremost place, but the depression from which the town has just emerged has been the main reason for the partial failure to attain the desired end. I have no doubt of the ultimate result as far as these lodges are concerned.

Among the difficulties reported by active workers in the different lodges I would mention "dual membership" and non-resident members.

The former will doubtless be felt by all lodges to some extent, but in the case of one lodge it is referred to as responsible for a reduction of 12 per cent. of its membership. One lodge reports the latter as affecting two-thirds of its membership.

In my visits to the lodges I endeavored to enlist the support of the worshipful Masters and members, and I am of the opinion that if followed up closely by my successor, these lodges will be found as contributors, quite up to the average of other districts.

BY-LAWS.

Doric Lodge, No. 445, Temiscaming Lodge, No. 462, have adopted and passed their respective by-laws.

In regard to by-laws, I take the liberty of stating that some of the lodges do not give to the passing and adoption thereof that consideration necessarily due to such important measures, but on the contrary are apt to treat by-laws as merely formal and of little practical ability.

DISPENSATIONS.

I have granted dispensations to Dymont Lodge, No. 442; Gore Bay Lodge, U. D.; Sturgeon Falls, No. 447, and North Bay, No. 420, to attend divine service clothed as Masons. A number of the lodges, I am advised, attend service without Masonic clothing or regalia, which meets with my approval, because the absence of Masonic clothing does not lessen the sincerity of worship and at the same time renders the Craft less liable to the charge of "dress parade." The Craft should attract by merit rather than by show.

OFFICIAL VISITS.

On the 20th day of December, 1904, I visited Keystone Lodge, No. 412, the chair of which was filled by W. Bro.

C. W. McCrea, W. M., with his usual ability and energy. A third degree was conferred in perfect manner. Each officer performed his work with accuracy and precision. W. Bro. McCrea, whose term of office expired with that year, certainly made a model Master, to whose skill and well directed efforts may be attributed, in a marked degree, the grand success which Keystone lodge has attained.

My next visit was made to Dymont Lodge, No. 442, Thessalon, on the 26th April, 1905, accompanied by V. W. Bro. Way, of Keystone. There were about twenty members present. Two seconds were conferred by W. M. Bro. Gorrell in a fairly creditable manner. The W. M. was a little nervous, but notwithstanding this gave the degree in an efficient manner. The lodge was opened and closed in the three degrees. Dymont has a new lodge room with good equipment. The books and records are well kept. The lodge is somewhat circumscribed as to area from which Masonic material could be supplied.

On the 24th May following, accompanied by W. Bro. Roberts, a P. M. of Keystone, and W. Bro. Gorrell, W. M. of Dymont, I visited Gore Bay Lodge, Manitoulin Island, and there instituted that lodge under dispensation. The dispensation was granted by the Grand Lodge at its annual communication held in Brockville in July, 1904, but the brethren of Gore Bay were unable to secure quarters until May, 1905, hence the delay in instituting. Taught by past experiences, the brethren of Gore Bay will, no doubt, so conduct themselves as to merit a charter in due course. This lodge requires care, attention, and true Masonic assistance.

My next visit was to Doric Lodge, No. 445, Little Current, Manitoulin Island, on the 25th May, 1905. I regret to report that few members were present, owing perhaps to the inclemency of the weather, at least that is the most charitable reason that I can give for the small attendance. The brethren, although few in number, were somewhat select. The lodge is one of the best equipped in the district. The furniture is of the finest quality and there is an air of neatness about the premises that at once impresses the visitor. Little Current, although somewhat circumscribed in area, promises prosperity. W. Bro. Bellwood opened and closed the lodge in the three

degrees, which satisfied me of the ability of the officers to perform the necessary work. In March last Doric had a membership of sixty-four and thus far has contributed \$125 to the Semi-Centennial Benevolent Fund. "Actions speak louder than words."

On the 28th May I visited Nickel Lodge, No. 427, Sudbury, one of the banner lodges within this jurisdiction. There were five Past Masters present, including R. W. Bro. Dr. Arthur, P. D. D. G. M. The chair was filled by W. Bro. Evans, the W. M., who exemplified the work to my entire satisfaction. The lodge room is a spacious one, the furniture and equipment are of the finest quality, the books and records are in perfect order, and the lodge is in a very prosperous condition. Nickel lodge has a membership of 136, with a large area to draw from. Judging from its central location, the material of which it is composed, and the enthusiasm and skill of its members, I am led to express the conviction that Nickel lodge will soon become unusually strong in membership and finance.

On the 30th May, accompanied by R. W. Bro. Dr. Arthur, P. D. D. G. M.; W. Bro. Evans, W. Bros. Gill and Reid, P. M's, and Bro. Brodie, all of Nickel Lodge, I visited Sturgeon Falls Lodge, No. 447. The W. M., W. Bro. Beech, did not arrive till late, having been unavoidably detained. On his arrival he opened and closed the lodge in the three degrees. This is a lodge that needs encouragement. The average attendance, so far as I can judge from the register, is about 12. The lodge room is somewhat diminutive and poorly furnished, but I had the assurance of the W. M. that a new room would be provided in the near future. It is to be hoped that new quarters may stimulate the brethren to greater action. It is difficult in a small room, poorly equipped and poorly lighted, to do work in a proper manner or to induce the regular attendance of the brethren. The material from which to draw is limited, indicating the undesirability of instituting lodges in small places and sparsely settled districts. I may say that I was cordially received by the brethren, who provided a very tasty banquet after the proceedings. The brethren at North Bay and Sudbury adjoining have promised to encourage and assist Sturgeon Falls, so that it may be brought to the rank in the Craft which it is possible to bring it to even under existing conditions. The lodge financially is in a fair condition and the Masonic material good.

On the 31st May, 1905, I visited Mattawa Lodge, No. 405. The W. M. was on a prospecting tour in the Temiscaming district, and the Secretary had gone to California for his health. It was with great difficulty that we secured a quorum, but we finally did so and the lodge was opened and closed in the three degrees, a P. M., a member of the lodge, occupying the chair. The opening and closing were well done. No work was exemplified, but I am satisfied from sure information received that the officers are capable of doing the work. The lodge room is very commodious, tastefully decorated and neatly furnished. The lodge has no debt and is well insured. During the summer many of the members are absent, prospecting and lumbering. The books and records are well kept and in good order. Mattawa lodge will not, in my opinion, increase very much in membership because the town itself is not growing, nor is the immediate district increasing in population. I have no reason to fear, however, that Mattawa will hold its own. I was invited by the brethren to visit earlier in the year, but I could not make it convenient to do so. If I had done so then the W. M., W. Bro. Harwood, and the Secretary, W. Bro. Haentschel, would have been present, and I have no doubt that a larger meeting would have then been held.

On the 1st of June, 1905, I visited North Bay Lodge, No. 420. North Bay may be well considered a Masonic centre. It has many Past Masters and brethren well skilled. A good deal of enthusiasm prevails there in Masonic circles. The chair was filled by W. Bro. Rorabeck in a very creditable manner. There were two P. D. D. G. M's present, R. W. Bro. Young and R. W. Bro. Liddel, besides a number of P. M's, all of whom seem to have kept their work up to date and could at any time confer a degree. It was my privilege while there, at the request of some of the brethren, to present R. W. Bro. Young, a P. D. D. G. M., a regalia, given him by those lodges of the present district that were included in the old district before the re-organization.

On the 2nd June, 1905, I visited Temiscaming Lodge, No. 462, New Liskeard, and was really agreeably surprised. The chair was filled by W. Bro. Ross in an efficient manner. A first degree was exemplified and the lodge was opened in all three degrees. The officers have their work well in hand. This is the youngest lodge in

the district. It is the owner, in fee simple, of its premises, including the building used by it as a lodge room. Its membership is increasing rapidly, and owing to the rapid growth of the district the membership is likely to increase, that is by newly initiated members and those who no doubt will affiliate. Temiscaming lodge is well able to take care of itself, and I bespeak for it great prosperity.

On the 14th June, 1905, I visited Algoma lodge, working under dispensation. There were about 75 of the brethren present, R. W. Bro. Farwell in the chair. W. Bro. Farwell is a P. M. of Keystone Lodge, and a P. D. D. G. M. It would be needless to add that he is a very capable Master and specially well qualified to occupy the chair and govern the lodge. A third degree was conferred in a very impressive manner. Each officer performed his duty remarkably well. Algoma has made rapid strides and has a bright future.

On the 20th day of June, 1905, I had the pleasure of visiting Keystone Lodge, No. 412, again. It was presided over by W. Bro. David Green, W. M. Keystone lodge is my mother lodge, and I was more than usually pleased at its prosperity and efficiency. A large number of the brethren were present, probably seventy-five or eighty, and all enthusiastic. The work was perfectly done by the W. M. and the different officers. The floor work was all that could be desired, the officers working with military precision. W. Bro. Green is an able presiding officer, full of energy and zeal, of good address, and a fluent talker. The lodge room and premises of Keystone are also occupied by Algoma lodge at a moderate rental. Perfect harmony exists between these two lodges and they are working together in unison. Many Past Masters were present, and a very enjoyable and instructive evening was spent.

In conclusion I wish to report that on the whole Masonry in this district is fairly prosperous. Sault Ste. Marie, Sudbury and North Bay are the most important Masonic points at present within this jurisdiction. Thessalon and Little Current will steadily but slowly increase their respective membership. Sturgeon Falls requires closer attention to the ritual and a more careful perusal of the Constitution. Mattawa will hold its own, and Temiscaming is likely to take a front rank in a short time.

Gore Bay needs encouragement and close attention and application by its proposed charter members.

I think the W. M's of the different lodges should impress upon the individual members the necessity of studying the Constitution carefully, especially those parts of it containing the "Ancient Charges" and "Members and their duties." I have been most loyally received in every lodge, kindly treated and ably assisted by the brethren in the discharge of my duties, for all of which I wish to record my sincere thanks, as well as my appreciation of the honor conferred upon me by the representatives of the Grand Lodge when they unanimously elected me to the position of D. D. G. M.

Respectfully and fraternally submitted.

MOSES McFADDEN, D. D. G. M.,
Nipissing District, No. 18.

GRAND LODGE OF CANADA.

GRAND LODGE OF A. F. & A. M. OF CANADA IN THE PROVINCE OF ONTARIO
Table Showing the work done in Nipissing District, No. 12, from June 24th, 1904, to June 24th, 1905.

Number of Lodges.	NAME OF LODGE.	LOCATION.	Mem-ber-ship.		Total No. of all Mem.	Increase during year.		Decrease during year.		E. A.	F. C.	M. M.	Affiliations.	Restorations.	Resignations.	Suspensions, N. P. D.	Suspensions, other causes.	Deceased.	Regular.	Emergency.	Meet-ings held.	Average attendance of members.		Amount paid for relief.	No. of members 12 months in arrears.	Total or all Arrears.	Date of last G. L. Return.	Financial Standing.	Prospects of Lodge.	Can W. M. work all degrees.	Insurance.
			com-pleted.	con-ferred.		total.	em-er-gent.																								
405	Mattawa	Mattawa	92	8	100	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	13	\$80 00	26	\$ 306 26	Dec. 27.	'04	Good	Fair	Yes	5 6 1 14
412	Keystone	S. B. Marie	236	28	264	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	27	81 15	8	305 00	Dec. 27.	'04	Good	Excellent	Yes	1638 0
420	Nipissing	North Bay	116	1	117	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	24	93 00	44	978 75	June 24.	'05	Good	Good	Yes	54 00
427	Nickel	Sudbury	136	1	137	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	24	93 00	8	57 50	June 24.	'04	Good	Good	Yes	220 00
442	Lynx	Thessalon.	82	8	90	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	17	50 00	16	129 00	Dec. 27.	'04	Very Good	Fair	Yes	3 0 0 0
447	Stron Falls	Strurgeon Falls	57	0	57	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	16	5 00	3	26 50	June 24.	'05	Very Good	Fair	Yes	97 00
456	Doric	Little Current	63	12	75	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	10	13 26	16	.....	Dec. 27.	'04	Good	Good	Yes	107 00
461	Temming	New Liskeard	35	12	47	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	16	.....	.....	.....	Dec. 27.	'04	Good	Brigh	Yes	101 00
UD	Algoma	S. B. Marie	64	13	77	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	14	.....	.....	.....	UD	UD	Good	Fair	Yes	4 0 0 0
UD	Gore Bay	Gore Bay	16	0	16	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	14	.....	.....	.....	UD	UD	Fair	Fair	Yes	4 0 0 0

MUSKOKA DISTRICT, NO. 19.

*To the Most Worshipful the Grand Master, Officers and
Members of the Grand Lodge of A. F. & A. M. of
Canada, in the Province of Ontario:*

MOST WORSHIPFUL SIR AND BRETHREN:

I have the honor of submitting to you the following report of the condition of Masonry in Muskoka District No. 19 for the past Masonic year.

VISITS.

I visited all the lodges within the jurisdiction on the nights of their regular meetings.

I am pleased to report that every lodge is in a most prosperous condition, most of the lodges show a good increase in membership, the best Masonic feeling prevails, and peace and harmony exist throughout.

My worthy predecessor and those before him have done such good work officially that the ritualistic work is now of a very high order.

Subject to my election I appointed W. Bro. Frank Hornsby, W. M. of Golden Rule Lodge, No. 409, my District Secretary, and W. Bro. R. J. Sturgeon, of Corona Lodge, No. 454, Burk's Falls, my District Chaplain, and I must thank them for accompanying me on some of my official visits and for the valuable and ever willing assistance they have rendered.

SEMI-CENTENNIAL FUND.

Regarding the Semi-Centennial Fund, I sent circulars to all the Worshipful Masters of the several lodges in the jurisdiction, and also on my official visits endeavored to urge the members to contribute as liberally as circumstances would permit.

Grand Lodge requested that a District Committee be formed in each jurisdiction, but this was impossible, as only a few of the Secretaries replied to the communication sent out by my District Secretary. However, I feel that that Muskoka District, which did so well last year, will

make a good showing regarding this noble cause. Contributions from this jurisdiction last year were most liberal in comparison with some other districts, and I have every reason to hope that returns will be even better this year.

DISPENSATIONS.

During my tenure of office the following dispensations have been issued: Powassan Lodge, No. 443, to instal at regular meeting on January 13th, 1905; to attend divine service, clother as Masons, the following requested dispensations for Sunday, June 25th: Granite Lodge, No. 352, Parry Sound; Strong Lodge, No. 423, Sundridge; Corona Lodge, No. 454, Burk's Falls, and Unity Lodge, No. 376, Huntsville.

DEATHS.

During the year no official returns of deaths have been received by me, but from statistics recently received I have noticed that there were two deaths in the district.

DEDICATION.

On December 30th, 1904, the new lodge room of Golden Rule Lodge, No. 409, Gravenhurst, was dedicated by the M. W. the Grand Master, assisted by P. G. M. Murray, Grand Secretary; R. W. Bro. Alfred F. Webster, P. D. D. G. M. Toronto District No. 11; V. W. Bro. N. Miller, Grand Superintendent of Works, Toronto, myself and a number of brethren from the district. The appointments of this lodge room are, without exception, the best in the district, and no expense has been spared in making them complete in every detail. After the dedication ceremony the fourth degree was exemplified in the refreshment rooms adjoining the lodge rooms, under the superintendence of Caterer Larkin, who furnished an excellent menu. The chair was occupied by W. Bro. Elliott, I. P. M. of Golden Rule Lodge.

Powassan Lodge, No. 443: I paid my official visit to this lodge on the evening of January 13th, 1905. I was accompanied by W. Bros. Carmichael and Maxwell, of Strong Lodge, Sundridge. The work of the evening was installation of officers and a second degree, they having application for a dispensation to instal at their regular meeting in Janury. I was requested by the W. M. to instal the new officers, which I did, and I can safely say

that the new officers elected and installed will look well after the affairs of Powassan Lodge, No. 443, for this year. The second degree was exemplified by W. Bro. Harvey Porter in a most creditable manner upon the best posted candidate it has been my pleasure to see. The Secretary for last year, Dr. Porter, is a fine genial fellow, and his books I found in excellent form. The floor work might be considerably improved. The finances are good, prospects very bright if the ballot be not abused. The by-laws require to be revised, the lodge room also needs to be renovated, which I understand is now being done. I hope to meet the members of Powassan Lodge, No. 443, in their new home at some future time.

Strong Lodge, No. 423: I visited this lodge officially on February 20th at their regular meeting. There was a good attendance. W. Bros. Sturgeon, Hilliar and Kelsey, of Corona Lodge, No. 454, were present. The work of the evening, a second and third degree, was exemplified, the second degree by W. Bro. Joseph Hilliar, assisted by W. Bro. Sturgeon, both of Burk's Falls, in a manner which required no criticism, and the third degree by W. Bros. Carmichael and Robinson in a faultless manner, their strict adherence to the work being most marked. The finances are fair, and the prospects with the present set of intelligent officers are good.

Corona Lodge, No. 454: I visited this lodge officially on March 6th. This is the youngest lodge in the jurisdiction and one of the best conducted. The W. M. and the Secretary are most enthusiastic Masons and take great interest in their work and everything pertaining to the lodge. The books are in perfect condition. Some friction was caused in the lodge last year by the presence of an undesirable element, but I am glad to report that this member has wisely left the lodge, greatly to its benefit. The finances are good and prospects most excellent. I was sorry I did not meet R. W. Bro. H. L. Barber, of this lodge, on my official visit.

Muskoka Lodge, No. 360, Bracebridge: I visited this lodge at the regular meeting March 7th. I was accompanied by W. Bros. Elliott and Hornsby, of Golden Rule Lodge, No. 409, Gravenhurst. The attendance was good. The work of the evening was a third degree, exemplified by R. W. Bro. Huber, assisted by V. W. Bro. Whitton. The work was of an old type and not in the

form authorized and desired by Grand Lodge. This lodge is most fortunate in having a most efficient set of officers for this year, including an excellent Secretary, and I can safely say the work will improve under their management. The finances are extra good and the prospects most assured.

Algonquin Lodge, No. 434, Emsdale: I visited this lodge on the occasion of their regular meeting March 21. I was very kindly driven from Scotia Junction to Emsdale by W. Bro. Hilliar, of Corona Lodge, Burk's Falls, and I shall never forget our experience in the snow drifts. I was most cordially received by a good attendance, considering the condition of the roads. I was sorry to learn that the W. M., W. Bro. A. W. Freeland, had just been released from quarantine. I feel safe in saying he will make a good Master. The prospects of the lodge are not as good as might be desired. Many of the members are railroad men, and it is very unfortunate that so few of them are employed in close proximity to the lodge. The work of the evening was two third degrees. I was sorry I could not wait till the meeting was over; as I was compelled to return by the midnight train. However, I saw the M. M. degree exemplified in a most satisfactory manner, and I desire to make special mention of the accuracy of W. Bro. Metcalf's ritualistic work. I was sorry not to have met my personal friend, W. Bro. J. Q. Adams, on my official visit. The Secretary, W. Bro. McConkey, is the right man in the right place, and the W. M. has good assistance in the east in the persons of W. Bros. Grant, Metcalf and others.

Unity Lodge, No. 376, Huntsville: This lodge was officially visited on May 17th, the night of their regular meeting. I was accompanied by W. Bro. Hornsby, of Golden Rule Lodge, No. 409, Gravenhurst. I was disappointed to find the W. M. out of town. His place was most ably filled by R. W. Bro. Shearer. There was no work to exemplify, something unusual, as the membership has increased very satisfactorily during the year. I might say this is the only lodge visited during my term of office where I did not have an opportunity of criticising the work. The lodge was opened and closed in the three degrees in a very capable manner. They are very comfortably situated in fine lodge rooms and the finances and prospects are excellent.

Golden Rule Lodge, No. 409, Gravenhurst: This being the lodge to which I belong, and being a regular attendant, I am in a position to speak of the affairs of the lodge generally as I have seen them during the year. This lodge has made very rapid strides during the past five years as a result of the untiring efforts of W. Bro. W. W. Winfield, who I regret to say has left town, R. W. Bro. Mowry, W. Bro. Elliott and others. During the year most comfortable quarters have been moved into, and Golden Rule now boasts of the best equipped lodge room in the jurisdiction. On my official visit the first degree was conferred on a most desirable candidate. The selection of the officers for the year was good. W. Bro. Hornsby in the east is a very capable officer, and Bro. J. A. C. Grant in the west fulfils his duties in a very accurate manner. The most desirable element is being received into the lodge, mostly young men, enthusiastic in the work and invariably capable of filling positions on the floor of the lodge in the absence of the regular officers. The financial condition is good, and if the brethren continue to work together the prospects are most bright.

Granite Lodge, No. 352, Parry Sound: This was my last official visit, on the evening of June 21st, and I shall long remember the hospitality which was extended to me by the officers and members of Granite Lodge, No. 352. I was met at the station by the W. M., W. Bro. Dr. Stone, and driven to my hotel. W. Bro. Davis was also present at the depot. I was most cordially received into the lodge and found a large attendance present in honor of the occasion. Granite lodge has many bright Masons around her altar and her chairs are most ably filled. The work of the evening was a third degree, exemplified by R. W. Bro. A. J. Whitby, assisted by V. W. Bro. Foote and the W. M. in a most satisfactory manner. I can safely say that Granite lodge is the banner lodge of this jurisdiction. The labors of the evening being ended we repaired to the large banqueting hall, where a most sumptuous repast awaited us and to which justice was done, followed by a pleasant hour of anecdotes and reminiscences, in which V. W. Bro. Foote took a leading part, after which we all retired home in the "wee sma' hours." The financial condition of the lodge is excellent and the prospects most bright. The Chaplain, Bro. Rogerson, a charter member of the lodge, paid his farewell visit on the eve of his

removal to Stayner, in the Georgian district. The lodge will find it very difficult to fill his place, and many regrets were expressed at his departure after a 40 years' residence in Parry Sound.

In conclusion I desire to thank the brethren for their indulgent confidence in singling me out for the high honor of D. D. G. M., the duties of which have been to me an education, and despite the sacrifices a great source of pleasure. I sincerely hope that the several lodges have been benefited by my incumbency in some slight manner. But if I have failed to justify the earlier hopes entertained by the delegates, neither have I succeeded in realizing my original idea. The thought would be sad that I shall have taken final leave of my brethren as the end of my term of office draws nigh, rather would I hope that many, if not most, of the new formed friendships may continue and prove enduring.

All of which is fraternally submitted.

W. W. McPHEE, D. D. G. M.,

Muskoka District, No. 19.

GRAND LODGE OF A. F. & A. M. OF CANADA IN THE PROVINCE OF ONTARIO.
Table Showing the work done in Muskoka District, No. 19, from June 8th, 1904, to June 24th, 1905.

Number of Lodge.	NAME OF LODGE.	LOCATION.	Men-ber-ship		Total No. of all Mem.	Increase during year.		Decrease during year.		E. A.	F. C.	M. M.	Affiliations.	Restorations.	Resignations.	Suspensions, N. P. D.	Suspensions, other causes.	Deceased.	Meet-ings held.			Average attendance of members	Amount paid for relief.	No. of members in arrears.	Total of all arrears.	Date of last G. L. Return.	Financial Standing.	Prospects of Lodge.	Can W. M. work all degrees.	Insurance.
			Men.	ber-ship		During year.	During year.	During year.	During year.										Regu-lar.	Emer-gent.	Total.									
359	Granite	Parry Sound.	90	3	1	4	3	1	4	4	3	3	1	1	1	1	1	1	11	11	16	16	\$28 75	1	\$ 97 50	Dec. 24, '04	Good	Good	Yes	Yes
360	Muskoka	Bracebridge	68	9	1	6	3	1	6	3	3	3	1	1	1	1	1	1	13	13	18	18	75 00	8	45 83	June 24, '05	Good	Good	Yes	\$ 200 00
376	Unity	Huntsville	98	2	1	8	2	1	8	2	2	2	1	1	1	1	1	1	12	12	19	19	00 00	20	136 25	.....	Good	Good	Yes	500 00
409	Gold Rule	Gravenhurst	63	5	1	8	7	3	8	7	3	3	3	3	3	3	3	3	13	13	18	18	30 00	7	159 96	Dec. 24, '05	Good	Good	Yes	500 00
423	Strong	Sandridge	58	5	1	6	8	7	6	8	7	7	1	1	1	1	1	1	13	13	16	16	.....	15	110 00	Dec. 27, '04	Good	Good	Yes	500 00
434	Algonquin	Elmsdale	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..
443	Pawawan	Pawawan	50	9	1	7	6	2	7	6	2	2	2	2	2	2	2	2	11	11	14	14	18 00	14	90 75	Jan'y, 1905	Good	Good	Yes	..
454	Corona	Burk's Falls.	40	6	1	7	7	5	7	7	5	5	1	1	1	1	1	1	11	11	16	16	..	1	8 00	Dec. 27, '04	Fair	Good	Yes	Yes

OTONABEE DISTRICT, NO. 20.

To the Most Worshipful the Grand Master, Officers and Members of the Grand Lodge of A. F. & A. M. of Canada, in the Province of Ontario:

MOST WORSHIPFUL SIR AND BRETHREN :

I have the honor of presenting herewith my report on the condition of Masonry in this district during the past year.

At the last communication of Grand Lodge, Ontario District No. 12 was divided into two districts, the western portion thereof continuing the name and number, while the eastern portion, consisting of the lodges situated in the counties of Durham and Peterborough, and Lorne lodge, of Omemee, in the county of Victoria, was organized into a new district, which, in honor of its greatest waterway, was called Otonabee District. Of this new district I enjoyed the signal honor of being elected its first District Deputy. I desire to thank my brethren for the confidence they reposed in me. I have visited every lodge in the district and have found all in a healthy condition and most of them in a flourishing one. In all but two or three there has been an increase in membership. There has been an entire absence of dissension of any kind and the prospects for the future look bright.

On my appointment I at once notified the different lodges and requested that copies of all summonses be sent to me, a request which has been cheerfully complied with. I took occasion on each of my visits to strongly urge upon the brethren the claims of the Semi-Centennial Fund, and in every case, where the matter had not already been dealt with, received assurances that it would be taken up earnestly and vigorously. I trust that the reports will show that this has been done.

I have issued three dispensations during the year, one to Jerusalem lodge to initiate a serving brother without fee, and one to each of Hope and Norwood lodges to attend divine service. I also recommended and forwarded

amendments to the by-laws of Ontario and Clementi lodges.

There have been eight deaths during the year,* Ontario lodge losing three, Corinthian and Havelock lodges two each, and J. B. Hall lodge one.

NAMES OF DECEASED BRETHREN.

Ontario Lodge, No. 26: Talbot George Metcalfe, F. C., drowned 14th July, 1904; George F. Hall, P. S. W., died 22nd January, 1905; James Walker Quinlan, P. M., died 24th April, 1905.

Corinthian Lodge, No. 101: Frederick Taylor Winch, M. M., died 14th August, 1904; Dr. Henry Pigeon, M. M., died 7th December, 1904.

J. B. Hall Lodge, No. 145: Samuel Roddy, M. M., died 4th October, 1904.

Havelock Lodge, No. 435: J. H. Campbell, M. M., died 16th November, 1904; John A. Martin, M. M., died 15th October, 1904.

The following is a report of my visits to the several lodges in the district:

Ontario Lodge, No. 26: I visited this lodge on April 20th. This is the oldest lodge in the district and continues to be one of the most prosperous. None can surpass it in the comfort and commodiousness of its quarters. It has a reputation for accurate work, which is well maintained under its present Master, W. Bro. F. H. Brown. With R. W. Bro. W. J. Robertson as its Secretary it is superfluous to state that its books are models of neatness and accuracy. The work of the evening consisted of two raisings, and the earnestness with which W. Bro. Brown conferred the degrees could not fail to make a deep impression on the candidates. He was ably assisted by W. Bro. Taylor, of Hope Lodge. The work of the Deacons was particularly smart and accurate, and, as it always does when properly performed, greatly enhanced the impressiveness of the ceremony. The Semi-Centennial Fund has been taken up in that thorough and businesslike way that characterizes this lodge, the sum of \$1 a year being added to and collected with the dues from each member for three years.

Jerusalem Lodge, No. 31: I visited this lodge on April 19th. It had just recently moved into its new lodge room, the beauty and completeness of which are a very

great credit to the lodge and must be a source of constant gratification to its members. I was disappointed at not meeting R. W. Bro. Simpson, to whose energy, ability and good taste, I was informed, the improvements were in a large measure due. The work of the evening was an initiation. The degree was conferred in an accurate and impressive manner by the W. M., W. Bro. Moorcraft, assisted by his subordinate officers, all of whom proved themselves well skilled, the J. W. particularly delivering his lecture in an almost faultless manner. Some progress had been made in regard to the Semi-Centennial Fund, but it had been allowed to drop. Some misapprehensions being removed the brethren promised to take matter up vigorously.

Durham Lodge, No. 66: I visited this lodge on April 18th. A candidate for initiation was expected, but, as he did not arrive, I had the officers open and close in the three degrees. This was performed in a satisfactory manner. The finances of the lodge are in good condition and the dues well paid up. This is the smallest lodge in the district, having a membership of only 21, but it showed an increase during the year, and its members deserve great credit for keeping things going. It is to be hoped that the younger members will evince the same enthusiasm for Masonry as animates W. Bro. Allen and Farncombe and others of the older members. I explained the objects of the Semi-Centennial Fund, when all present subscribed at once. They had previously subscribed \$5 each. I believe this lodge will contribute its full quota.

Corinthian Lodge, No. 101: I visited this lodge on April 21st. In W. Bro. Walker Corinthian lodge possesses one of the model Secretaries of the district. The practice of having experienced P. M's in the Secretary's chair cannot be too highly commended. The dues are pretty well paid up and the finances of the lodge are in a flourishing condition. W. Bro. Kenner is a well skilled Master and conferred the degrees in an easy, impressive, and all but faultless manner. He was ably assisted by W. Bros Greer and Walker. As was to be expected, with R. W. Bro. R. E. Wood as one of its active members, this lodge had already dealt with the Semi-Centennial Fund in a satisfactory manner. The attendance was large and fourth degree work very enjoyable, quite a

number of visitors being present, whose speeches contributed to the pleasure of the evening.

Hope Lodge, No. 114: I paid my official visit to this lodge on April 7th. The work consisted of the E. A. and M. M. degrees. These were conferred in an excellent manner throughout by the W. M., W. Bro. Coleman, assisted in the third degree by W. Bro. Brown, of Ontario Lodge. The J. W. delivered his lecture very accurately. The work of the J. D. was also worthy of special commendation. The books are well and accurately kept by W. Bro. Bell, one of the most enthusiastic Masons in Port Hope and one to whom in a large measure credit is due for the prosperity of this lodge. The Semi-Centennial Fund had not been taken up, but, on its objects being fully explained, the members promised that they would not be wanting in their duty. I have received no report of what has actually been done, but trust and believe that when the final returns are in this lodge will be found to have contributed its full quota.

J. B. Hall Lodge, No. 145: This is my own lodge, and I have frequently visited it during the year. I paid my official visit on January 19th. The work consisted of the conferring of the second degree, and, considering that only a short time had elapsed since his installation, the W. M., W. Bro. Montgomery, performed his work in an exceedingly creditable manner. The work of the Wardens also was excellent, and that of the S. D. beyond criticism. This lodge has been undergoing a period of stagnation, but shows marked symptoms of improvement in the near future. It is well officered, the books are well kept, and the finances in better condition than for years. The Semi-Centennial Fund has been taken up and there is upwards of \$40 on hand to be remitted to the Grand Secretary, which, considering the large number of absentees, is fairly creditable. By the death of Bro. Samuel Roddy the lodge lost one of its oldest members and most faithful attendants.

Peterborough Lodge, No. 155: This lodge has been previously reported as the banner lodge in the district, and it fully maintained its reputation on the occasion of my visit on May 5th. It is excelled by none in the accuracy and quality of its work. The W. M., W. Bro. Morrow, was ably assisted by a number of well skilled Past Masters, among the number being R. W. Bro. Walkey

and W. Bro. Crane, whose work helped to explain now this lodge has attained its present standing. Like R. W. Bro. Robertson, of Ontario Lodge, R. W. Bro. Shaw, of Keene, and W. Bro. Walker, of Peterborough, R. W. Bro. Walkey is a model Secretary. He is indeed much more, as he is a constant authority on Masonic practice and procedure. The dues of the lodge are well paid up and the finances in good condition. The Peterborough brethren know well how to entertain visitors in a hospitable and enjoyable manner.

Norwood Lodge, No. 223: Accompanied by W. Bro. Clarke I visited this lodge at its regular meeting on November 21st. There was a large attendance of members. In the absence of the W. M., who had removed to the Northwest, W. Bro. Ford occupied the East. The work of the evening consisted of two initiations. The degrees were conferred in a most impressive manner. That veteran in Masonry, W. Bro. Pearce, still takes a most active interest in the work of the lodge. To him and to W. Bro. Ford is due a large measure of credit for the wonderful progress made by this lodge. Some three years ago there were only 15 members in good standing, while at the time of my visit there were upwards of 70. This number has since been increased to 77. A gratifying feature of this great increase is the excellent class of men admitted. The books are well kept, the dues well paid up, and the finances in good condition. This lodge is contributing \$1 a member for three years, based on the membership at the beginning of each year.

Clementi Lodge, No. 313: I visited this lodge on May 2nd. W. Bro. Dench, who was for 18 years the efficient Secretary of the lodge, and is now for the first time in the East, conferred the third degree on two candidates in an impressive manner. Considering the fact that he is now well past the meridian of life, Bro. Dench deserves very great credit for the manner in which he has mastered the work. He was ably assisted by W. Bros. Fraser, Hilliard, Casement and Kelly. While the Past Masters continue to take the interest they do in the work of the lodge there is no danger of retrogression. Special mention must be made of the efficient manner in which the Deacons performed their duties. The books are well kept by W. Bro. Hilliard. The finances are in first-class condition; indeed, there are no dues whatever in arrear. I

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urged upon the brethren the claims of the Benevolent Fund, and I have no doubt but that they will do their duty. In no lodge in the district have I received a more cordial welcome, and in none have I seen the brethren animated by a more fraternal spirit towards each other.

Orono Lodge, No. 325: I visited this lodge on June 15th. In the absence of the W. M., owing to illness in his family, W. Bro. Colville occupied the East. Despite the great heat of the evening there was a very good attendance indeed, especially considering the numerical strength of the lodge. W. Bro. Colville conferred the second degree upon two candidates in a very creditable manner. The S. W. also delivered his lecture in an excellent manner. Afterwards I installed the newly elected officers. In W. Bro. R. Z. Hall this lodge possesses a most efficient Secretary. In fact, this lodge is in a good sound condition both financially and otherwise. Prior to the present year no action had been taken in regard to the Benevolent Fund, but when the lodge did take it up it did so with a whole-hearted vigor that should be an example and an inspiration to some of the older and stronger lodges. Before the end of the present month they will have remitted the full amount of \$3 for each member. I am quite sure that this will be the record for the district.

Keene Lodge, No. 374: Accompanied by V. W. Bro. Kells, W. Bros. Turner, Clarke, Winslow and Montgomery, I visited this lodge on the 18th of May, or rather made a desperate attempt to do so. Availing themselves of W. Bro. Turner's kind invitation to travel on his steam yacht, Mermaid, after a very pleasant trip down the Otonabee River and Rice Lake, we arrived at the mouth of the Indian River, about a mile from Keene, at 7.30 p. m. Unfortunately, however, while trying to make the entrance we ran on a sand bar. There we were forced to remain for some hours. By means of a punt from a neighboring island I succeeded in reaching the lodge room at 10.30 p. m. Some of the Keene brethren, under the leadership of R. W. Bro. Shaw and Bro. A. St. A. Smith, went to the assistance of my comrades, who arrived some hours later. All were most hospitably entertained until the time of our departure on the return journey. There was no work on for the evening, but under the guidance of R. W. Bro. Shaw there can be no doubt but that the degrees will be conferred in an able and accu-

ratem anner. Dr. Shaw has been Secretary for a great many years, so, as might be expected, the books are well kept. The dues are well in hand and the finances in good condition. This is not a large lodge numerically, but judging by the attendance on the night of my visit, even though the hour was late, it appears to be in a good healthy condition.

Lorne Lodge, No. 375: I visited this lodge on April 3rd. There was no work on, and unfortunately both the S. W. and the J. W. were absent. The lodge was opened and closed in the three degrees in a very creditable manner by W. Bro. Thorn. Lorne lodge has just emerged from a period of financial depression, and the prospects for the future appear to be brighter than for some years past. The members evinced great interest in the work and showed a desire to have it perfect by asking questions about matters concerning which they were in doubt. I consider this a healthy sign. The books are well kept by W. Bro. Cameron, the efficient Secretary. No action had been taken in regard to the Benevolent Fund, as the members had not thought that their financial condition would warrant it, but on its objects being fully explained to them each member was called upon to express his views. All were favorable, and at the close of the meeting a subscription list was opened, which all present signed. I believe this lodge may be relied upon to do its duty.

Havelock Lodge, No. 435: Accompanied by V. W. Bro. Kells I paid my official visit to this lodge on May 12. The third degree was conferred upon a candidate by the W. M., W. Bro. Ritchie, in a very creditable manner. This lodge has made wonderful progress in the last few years. On the night of my visit, in addition to the degree conferred, three new applications were received, two others reported on favorably, and two more balloted for, so that its continued progress and prosperity seem assured. The members have expended a considerable amount in renovating and refurnishing the lodge. A most friendly and fraternal spirit seems to animate the brethren, and taking everything together the lodge is in a most healthy and flourishing condition. The Secretary had removed from the town and a new one was elected on the night of my visit. Possibly for this reason there is a larger amount outstanding in unpaid dues than there

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would otherwise be. Gravelock lodge knows how to conduct the fourth degree in an open hearted and enjoyable manner. I regret to have to report that no definite action has as yet been taken in regard to the Benevolent Fund, but from the assurances of some of the brethren on the night of my visit I am led to believe that it will yet be taken up.

A. A. SMITH, D. D. G. M.,
Otonabee District No. 20.

GRAND LODGE OF CANADA.

GRAND LODGE OF A. F. & A. M. OF CANADA IN THE PROVINCE OF ONTARIO.
Table showing the work done in Otonabee District, No. 20, from June 24th, 1904, to June 24th, 1905.

No. of Lodges.	NAME OF LODGE.	LOCATION.	Total No. of all Mem. Increase during year.	Decrease during year.	E. A.	F. O.	M. M.	Affiliations.	Restorations.	Resignations.	Suspensions, other causes.	Deceased.	Regular.	Emergency.	Total.	Average attendance of members.	Amount paid for relief.	No. of members 12 months in arrears.	Total of all Arrears.	Date of last G. L. Return.	Financial Standing.	Prospects of Lodge.	Can W. M. work all degrees.	Insurance.
95	Ontario.	Port Hope.	113	9	8	7	8	1	1	3	...	...	314	19	520	18	245 00	28	\$ 187 75	June 24, '05	Good	Good	Yes	\$1500 00
31	Jernsalem	Bowmanville.	88	12	11	10	10	2	...	1	...	...	19	21	315	21	165 00	14	291 75	Dec. 27, '04	Good	Good	Yes	...
66	Durham	Newcastle.	21	3	3	3	3	...	...	1	...	...	7	1	6	8	...	4	22 00	June 24, '04	Fair	Fair	Yes	\$10 00
101	Corinthian	Peterborough.	121	...	1	5	8	2	...	6	...	...	11	21	313	27	35 00	12	21 75	June 24, '04	Good	Good	Yes	Fully
114	Hope	Port Hope.	99	3	3	3	3	...	...	4	...	...	14	21	317	20	100 00	17	188 00	Dec. 27, '04	Good	Good	Yes	1200 00
145	J. B. Hall.	Millbrook.	21	1	1	1	1	...	...	...	...	...	1	1	1	1	90 00	7	95 00	Dec. 27, '04	Fair	Fair	Yes	Yes
155	Peterboro.	Peterborough.	192	11	9	8	12	4	1	1	...	...	14	115	46	22	90 00	10	50 20	Dec. 27, '04	Good	Good	Yes	Fully
223	Norwood.	Norwood.	77	9	9	9	9	...	...	2	...	...	12	4	15	22	5 00	2	15 85	Jan'y 22, '05	Good	Good	Yes	Yes
213	Clementi.	Lakefield.	21	...	4	4	5	1	...	1	...	...	12	1	13	22	27 85	...	...	Dec. 27, '04	Vy Good	Vy Good	Yes	Yes
325	Orono.	Orono.	34	1	...	3	3	1	...	1	...	...	10	10	12	12	...	1	3 00	Dec. 27, '04	Fair	Fair	Yes	400 00
314	Keene.	Keene.	33	5	...	3	3	...	...	1	...	...	12	1	13	12	10 00	2	26 00	June 24, '04	Good	Fair	No	150 00
375	Lorne.	Omemee.	23	...	3	3	3	...	...	1	...	...	6	3	9	9	5 00	5	20 00	Dec. 20, '04	Good	Fair	Yes	300 00
435	Havelock.	Havelock.	20	6	3	5	5	1	...	1	...	...	212	2	14	25	50 00	13	174 00	Dec. 27, '04	Good	Good	No	400 00

EASTERN DISTRICT, NO. 21.

To the Most Worshipful the Grand Master, Officers and Members of the Grand Lodge of A. F. & A. M. of Canada, in the Province of Ontario:

MOST WORSHIPFUL SIR AND BRETHREN:

I have the honor of now presenting my report on the condition of Masonry for the year past for the new district, Eastern No. 21.

This district was formed in 1904 by dividing the St. Lawrence District, and possesses fourteen lodges.

I fully appreciate the honor conferred on me by electing me D. D. B. M. of this district, and hope that in my humble way that I may have been useful in some way in advancing Masonry in the east.

My first official act was to appoint Bro. R. A. Baker as my District Secretary, and I extend my thanks to him for his services.

I also, soon after my election, sent official circulars to all lodges in the district calling them together to discuss the Semi-Centennial Fund. I regret to say that meeting was not generally represented, and I was kept busy for some time thereafter giving full explanations to brethren and lodges regarding the same. At each of my official visits I took the opportunity of impressing on our brethren the grand undertaking of our Grand Lodge, and from reports feel that my words are to bear fruit.

I have visited officially every lodge in the district, and I am convinced by results that Masonry in this new district is flourishing.

DISPENSATIONS.

Acting upon the power vested in me I issued the following dispensations during my term of office:

I issued a dispensation to Avonmore Lodge, No. 452, to instal officers on January 17th, 1905, their regular meeting night having been a very inclement one, preventing that ceremony being performed.

I issued a dispensation to Hawkesbury Lodge, No. 450, to instal their officers on January 7th, 1905.

I issued a dispensation to Wales Lodge, No. 458, to attend divine service on June 18th, 1905, at Wales.

I issued a dispensation to Excelsior Lodge, No. 142, to attend divine service on Sunday, June 28th, 1905, at Morrisburg.

I issued a dispensation to Friendly Brothers Lodge, No. 143, to attend divine service on Sunday, June 25th, 1905, at Iroquois.

I issued a dispensation to Farran's Point Lodge, No. 256, to attend divine service at Aultsville, on Sunday, June 25th, 1905.

I issued a dispensation to Cornwall Lodge, No. 125, to hold decoration service for the purpose of marching in procession from lodge room to cemetery to decorate the graves of deceased brethren and to unveil the monument erected to the memory of W. Bro. E. A. Grovely, same to take effect on Sunday, July 2nd, 1905.

BY-LAWS.

I have received amendments to by-laws from Friendly Brothers Lodge, No. 143, also from St. John's Lodge, No. 21a, Vankleek Hill, all of which were duly forwarded to the proper Grand Lodge officers and duly attested.

DEATHS.

I am called on to report the following deaths in our lodges as officially reported to me: Bro. Albert C. Akin, of Cornwall Lodge, No. 125; Bro. Ira W. Casselman, of Excelsior Lodge, No. 142; Bro. W. M. Smith, of Chesherville Lodge, No. 320; Bro. W. A. Chamberlain, of Plantagenet Lodge, No. 186; Bro. John A. McPherson, of Farran's Point Lodge, No. 256.

VISITS.

My first official visit was made to Avonmore Lodge on the evening of July 17th, 1905. This was the evening for installing their officers (by dispensation). I assisted the Immediate Past Master, W. Bro. Duke, in this duty, after which the work in the second degree was put on. The work was well done and showed careful training. This lodge I found in a prosperous condition, and well it might be when brethren would drive from fifteen to seventeen miles to attend lodge. They have a very comfortable room.

I visited St. John's Lodge, No. 21a, Vankleek Hill, on the evening of March 13th, 1905. I met a large number of brethren here. The brethren of St. John's are a very enthusiastic set, and reflect Masonry by their actions. Both the second and third degrees were well worked by the officers, who have their work in excellent form. This is one of the very few that require the candidate to memorize their obligation before passing from each degree to a higher. I could not help admiring the furniture of the room, and imagine my surprise when informed that it came from old Ireland. The lodge room is in keeping with the furniture and the dining room is a credit. After closing the lodge the brethren repaired to the dining room, where a social time was spent to the benefit of Masonry.

Maxville Lodge, No. 418: I visited Maxville Lodge, No. 418, on the evening of March 14th, 1905. Here I found a fair attendance, each one trying to do all in their power. The third degree was well conducted by W. Bro. Chalmers, who has, I understand, been a Mason only three years and fills the east with credit to both the lodge and himself. The lodge room is spacious and fitted up creditably. Lunch was served after work and afforded an hour of social intercourse.

Plantagenet Lodge, No. 186: This lodge received my official visit on the evening of March 15th, 1905. I did not find as many members present as I expected, but what the brethren lack in numbers is fully made up in Masonic zeal. There was no work put on, but the lodge was opened in the three degrees and the officers did their work well. This lodge is laboring under difficulties owing to religious differences and members very much scattered.

Hawkesbury Lodge, No. 450: On March 16th I visited this lodge. I found the attendance good. The lodge was opened in the three degrees, but they had no work on; opening and closing well done. The brethren have a fine lodge room, good ante-rooms and grand dining room. The dues are well paid in this lodge, and the books well kept. I had the pleasure of meeting R. W. Bro. Johnston, P. D. D. G. M. of Ottawa District. After the lodge closed the members sat down to an elegant spread, and nothing lacked to satisfy the inner man. Toasts, speeches and songs passed away a few social hours.

Friendly Brothers Lodge, No. 143, located at Iroquois: I visited this lodge April 12th and found a large attendance. The lodge had work in the first and second degrees, and it was well done from the W. M. to the Deacons. The dues seem to be far too great, and an effort should be made to collect them. The recent new supply of furniture greatly improved the previous good lodge room. The members are a very enthusiastic lot, and thus a very prosperous lodge. Bro. H. B. Carman makes an ideal Secretary; books well kept.

Excelsior Lodge, No. 142, located at Morrisburg: I visited Excelsior Lodge, No. 142, April 14th, 1905. About 25 members present. The lodge put on a third degree, and the W. M. deserves especial mention, this being his second raising. The Wardens and Deacons did their work well. The books are well kept by Bro. Massey, who deserves great credit for his attention to lodge dues, only about \$30 remaining outstanding. The brethren retired from the lodge room to the Windsor House, where mine host Bro. R. McDonell displayed his skill as a first-class caterer.

Wales Lodge, No. 458, located at Wales: The brethren of Wales lodge received my official visit on Monday, April 17th, 1905. There were fully 30 members present. The lodge opened and closed in the three degrees, and the first degree was exemplified with a candidate. The work was well done, W. Bro. Carson, W. M., being an ideal Master. In fact, all the officers were efficient. Dues are well paid up, and I find this a very prosperous lodge. A light lunch was served after the lodge closed.

Lancaster Lodge, No. 207, located at Lancaster: I visited this lodge on April 18th, 1905, and found a fair attendance. The lodge was opened in the three degrees and work in the second degree. The work was well put on. I find a lot of unpaid dues. The books are kept in good shape by the Secretary, Bro. A. McGillis. They have a very fine lodge room here and comfortably furnished. After the lodge was closed the brethren were entertained to a very fine spread at the dining parlors of Hotel McRae, where the Craft, as usual, enjoyed to heart's content.

Alexandria Lodge, No. 439, Alexandria, Ont.: I visited this lodge on the evening of May 4th. They had a very small attendance; in fact, the membership is not

large. They opened and closed the lodge in the three degrees in good form. There was no work put on. The dues are very much in arrears. They must devise some method of handling this question to their satisfaction.

Farran's Point Lodge, No. 256, located at Aultsville: This is my mother lodge, and I visited in my official capacity on Wednesday, April 19th. The lodge put on the third degree in a very fair manner. The opening and closing in each degree was well done. After the lodge closed the members retired to the dining room, where a banquet was held to the satisfaction of all. The attendance was good, and I noticed several visiting members present. Lodge dues fairly well paid up.

Henderson Lodge, No. 383, located at Winchester: I visited this lodge on the evening of May 3rd, 1905. Here I found a big attendance. This is a very prosperous lodge and the brethren are full of Masonic zeal. They have a fine room and fully equipped. The brethren put on the second degree in an excellent manner. The opening and closing in each degree was well done. I found the lodge dues satisfactory and the books in good form by their Secretary, Bro. G. Johnston. After the lodge closed the brethren retired to the parlors of the Wallace House, where the dining table was fairly loaded with the delicacies of the season, and each of the brethren dined to his heart's content. Speeches, toasts, etc., occupied the attention of the brethren for a short time, then all retired feeling that it was "happy to meet, sorry to part."

Chesterville Lodge, No. 320, Chesterville: I visited this lodge on May 15th, 1905, and received a right royal welcome by the officers and members. This is a grand lodge, and makes one feel at home in a short time. They have a fair lodge room, and are worthy of a better one, which I have no doubt they will have in the near future. The attendance was the best in all my official visits—fully sixty members being present. The first degree was well put on, and from the W. M. to the Deacons reflected much credit. The opening and closing in all degrees showed care, and the lecture in the first degree is especially noted in this report. Their dues might be in a more satisfactory state. The books are nicely kept by Bro. Fulton. After the closing of the lodge all were treated to a very sumptuous repast at the McClusky House. The spread was certainly fine and reflected credit on the

caterer. Speeches and toasts and song wiled away the midnight hours.

Cornwall Lodge, No. 125, Cornwall: This lodge was visited by me on the evening of Saturday, June 24th. This is one of the prosperous lodges in the district. There was no work on, but the lodge was opened and closed in good form in the three degrees by the officers. There were about 30 members present. The brethren have a magnificent lodge room and furnished handsomely. After the closing of the lodge the brethren retired to the dining room and enjoyed a social hour around the festive board. The lodge dues are in a satisfactory condition and the lodge records well and neatly kept by V. W. Bro. J. Ridley. This completed my official visits in Eastern District No. 21.

CONCLUSION.

In concluding my report I must not forget to extend to the officers and brethren my hearty thanks for the general expression of kindness and sympathy which I have met with on every hand and thus made my labors among them very pleasant, and to the Grand Master and Grand Secretary I extend my fraternal thanks for their willingness at all times to aid me in matters submitted to them and for their advice in questions relating to the Craft. The year of my labor has been a very happy one for me, and if I have been of any service to the Craft in Eastern District No. 21 I am repaid by the pleasant recollections from visits to each lodge, and the honor of having been your first D. D. G. M. of this newly-formed district.

All of which is fraternally submitted.

R. H. HANES, D. D. G. M.,
Eastern District No. 21.

GRAND LODGE OF A. F. & A. M. OF CANADA IN THE PROVINCE OF ONTARIO.

Table Showing the work done in the Eastern District, No. 16, from June 26th, 1904, to June 24th, 1905.

Number of Lodges	NAME OF LODGE.	LOCATION	Total No. of all Mem.	Increase during year.	Decrease during year.	Mem. bership.	Degree's conf'rd	Admissions.	Restorations.	Resignations.	Suspensions, N. P. D.	Suspensions, other causes.	Deceased.	Regular.	Emergency.	Total.	Average attendance of members.	Amount paid for relief	No. of members 18 months in arrears.	Total of all arrears.	Date of last G. L. Return.	Financial Standing	Prospects of Lodge.	Can W. M. work all degrees.	Insurance.	
143	Friendly B.	Iroquois...	102	4	...	6	6	6	3	3	3	...	...	...	13	2	14	20	\$25 00	30	\$ 110 00	Dec. 27, '04	Good	Good	Yes	\$ 200 00
390	Cheshire	Chester...	86	...	...	3	3	3	1	1	...	...	...	...	12	2	14	20	23 00	25	120 00	Dec. 27, '04	Good	Good	Yes	400 00
381	Wankleek Hill	Wankleek Hill	86	...	...	3	3	3	1	1	...	...	...	...	11	6	17	23	None	6	50 00	Dec. 27, '04	Good	Good	Yes	300 00
387	Lancaster	Lancaster	...	3	...	4	4	4	1	1	...	...	...	...	11	11	22	19	None	21	152 00	Dec. 27, '04	Fair	Fair	Yes	400 00
387	Lancaster	Lancaster	...	3	...	4	4	4	1	1	...	...	...	...	11	11	22	19	None	21	152 00	Dec. 27, '04	Fair	Fair	Yes	400 00
195	Cornwall	Cornwall	102	3	...	4	4	4	...	...	...	...	...	...	11	3	14	14	29 50	6	17 50	Dec. 20, '04	Very Best	Good	Yes	9 00
480	Hawkebury	Hawkebury	50	7	...	9	10	9	...	...	...	...	...	...	11	7	18	14	None	...	None	...	Good	Good	Yes	None
148	Excelsior	Morrisburg	10	...	...	2	1	3	...	...	...	...	...	...	11	1	12	13	None	...	30 00	June, 1905	Good	Good	Yes	600 00
353	Henderson	Winchester	81	10	...	6	6	6	...	...	...	...	...	...	13	5	18	20	15 00	9	50 00	Dec. 27, '04	Good	Good	Yes	500 00
256	Fairbank	Antville	70	1	...	7	6	6	...	...	...	...	...	...	11	4	15	15	12 50	13	79 50	Dec. 27, '04	Good	Good	Yes	None
489	Alexandria	Alexandria	42	...	...	2	2	2	...	...	...	...	...	...	9	2	11	14	None	24	886 00	July, 1904	Not Good	Not Good	Yes	None
189	Plantagenet	Plantagenet	36	...	...	2	2	2	...	...	...	...	...	...	9	3	12	13	None	10	66 50	Dec. 27, '04	Good	Good	Yes	None
452	Avonmore	Avonmore	53	6	...	2	2	1	...	...	...	...	...	...	13	...	13	13	None	8	14 00	June 24, '05	Fair	Fair	Yes	None
454	Wales	Wales	53	6	...	6	6	5	...	...	...	...	...	...	14	2	16	23	53 00	6	56 50	Dec. 27, '04	Good	Good	Yes	400 00
418	Maxville	Maxville	77	7	...	6	6	9	...	...	...	...	...	...	14	1	15	29	10 00	15	90 00	Dec. 27, '04	Fair	Fair	Yes	200 00

HISTORICAL ADDRESS.

M. W. Bro. J. Ross Robertson, the Historian of Grand Lodge, delivered the following historical address:

M. W. Sir and Brethren of Grand Lodge:

It strikes me as, in my mind, I turn over the pages of a diary of forty years of craft life, that no single event, save and except when you, fifteen years ago by unanimous voice, handed me the gavel of Grand Master, has more impressed me than this event of to-day, in which, may I say, I am favored and honored with a not unimportant part.

Permit me to say that no phrase of mine in aptest form, no verbiage, even if selected from the richest field of words, could express how much of pleasure I have in standing here and telling you the story of the Craft—yes, and all that led up to the memorable event of fifty years ago when William Mercer Wilson raised his gavel and declared that one more sovereign and supreme body had been added to the roll of Grand Lodges that governed the Craft on this continent.

A NOTABLE YEAR.

Surely this year of grace, the nineteen hundred and fifth in the cycle of the centuries, deserves to be wreathed with rich garlands of honor by the hands of the craftsmen on the rolls of this Grand Lodge.

For on this July day we assemble to fittingly commemorate the work of the zealous craftsmen who unfurled the banner of Masonic freedom half a century ago, and proclaimed that, cost what it might, the Craft in this jurisdiction should have a governing body—sovereign and supreme—the peer of every other Grand Lodge, for all time to come.

Therefore, this year of all the years should be marked with golden letters in the calendar of every man who wears the apron of a Mason in this Craft jurisdiction. For this year commemorates an event that brightened the *Craft life*, when fifty years ago, almost within sight of

where we sit, M. W. Bro. Henry T. Backus, Past Grand Master of the Grand Lodge of Michigan, invested and installed William Mercer Wilson as the M. W. Grand Master of the Grand Lodge of Ancient, Free and Accepted Masons of Canada.

FIFTIETH MILE STONE.

Yes, this year of all the years, for to-day in this Grand Lodge we pass the fiftieth milestone on our fraternal journey. Our Craft lodges, and there are three hundred and ninety on the roll, with their thirty-five thousand members full in the delight of Craft work, battalions of craftsmen, happy under the sheltering tree of friendships formed, every man glad to welcome new faces to the great league of apron men, whose aim it is to smooth the rough thoroughfares of life, for men, for women, yea, and for little children, to promote friendship that has no limit and to inculcate principles that if followed will better the life of every citizen who accepts Masonic truth.

And yet our joys are not unfettered, for that change which never changes comes to many. The earth must have its own. The fathers of the Craft pass away and the air is full of farewells. So that in all our joys we have a strain of sorrow, for there is but one alive to-day (R. W. Bro. John Osborne, of Rat Portage) that was present at the convention of October, 1855, when forty-one lodges, duly accredited, declared that to promote perfect fraternal union, and secure to the fraternity of Canada all the blessings of Masonic privileges, it was expedient, right and a bounden duty to form a Grand Lodge of Canada.

It occurred to me, as I measured in my mind the time placed at my disposal for a brief talk with you, that while something about the history of our Grand Lodge would, of course, be acceptable, yet the story would be bereft of much interest if I did not say a few words on the origin of the Craft and of the ritual and of the pioneer organization which gave life nearly two centuries ago to this and other Grand Lodges that supervise Masonic work in the existing jurisdictions of the world.

WHAT IS MASONRY.

Masonry is divided by Masonic writers into two sections, an operative and a speculative, or to put it better, an operative art and a speculative science.

The operative art is that which was practised by the Free Stonemasons of the Middle Ages, and by the operative Masons of England, Scotland and Ireland between the 12th and 17th centuries.

The speculative science is that which is practised by the Freemasons of the present day Craft jurisdictions throughout the "wide wide world."

Operative Masonry was the art practiced by those who constructed buildings for private and public purposes, houses for the habitation of man and temples for the worship of the Supreme Being.

The operative art is the foundation stone on which has been built the speculative science of Freemasonry as it exists to-day.

So you understand that the operative Masons were those who constructed material edifices, in contradistinction to the speculative Masons who raised only spiritual structures.

To put the difference between the two branches more concisely, the operative Mason used his working tools in the exercise of his trade. The speculative Mason uses the same working tools for the exemplification of great moral truths.

THE ORIGIN OF MASONRY.

As to the origin of Masonry, using that term in its broad sense to cover the Fraternity of to-day, it is, in my opinion, impossible to fix any date for the origin of Speculative Masonry.

No subject has given rise to more difference of opinion amongst Masonic scholars and writers than the question of the origin of our Craft.

On one point, however, all modern authorities concur in the opinion that there is nothing that connects the Speculative Masonry of to-day with the building or builders of King Solomon's Temple.

I interject this remark here, from the fact that very many of our younger brethren, and perhaps not a few of their elders, talk about Craft origin as if King Solomon was our first Grand Master and that the Temple mechanics were craftsmen who worked precisely as we do in the lodges of this jurisdiction.

In the light of modern research by writers of eminence, and from my own reading of much that has been printed

on this point, I am satisfied that the genesis of the Speculative Section does not antedate the era of the Building Corporations of the Middle Ages.

ROMAN COLLEGES OF BUILDERS.

The Roman Colleges of Builders, the origin of which is ascribed to Numa, the second King of Rome in 714 B. C., certainly had business methods in their regulations, with officers somewhat similar to the principal officers of our Masonic lodges, but, of course, their Masonry, or rather work, was in the purely operative class.

Every legion of the Roman Empire had attached to it a band of builders or artificers, who accompanied the armies in their march for conquest.

And when Rome planted its colonies, builders or artificers remained with the colony to sow the seeds of Roman civilization.

In time of war the men of the College of Builders erected fortifications and in times of peace they erected dwelling places and temples.

Even our own England felt the advantages of Roman colonization when the legions of Julius Cæsar established a colony in its northern limits and founded the city of York, which for many centuries has been intimately associated with the history of Freemasonry.

THE OPERATIVES OF GERMANY.

Some writers think that the travelling Masons who wandered over Europe during the Middle Ages were the successors of the Roman Colleges of Builders, but this may be considered doubtful, for many hundreds of years elapsed between the passing away or dissolution of the Roman Colleges and the inception of the Travelling Freemasons. Then, again, it is claimed that the Brotherhood of Stonemasons in Europe during the Middle Ages were the forerunners of Freemasonry.

Prominent German writers trace with great exactness the rise and progress of the Steinmetzen or Fraternity of Stonemasons in Germany from the earliest times, and with skill seek to induce the belief that these organizations were the prototypes of the Association of Freemasons.

Nor, when we travel in search of the origin of the Craft, must we forget the motherland across the sea.

We know that the earliest structures of a religious and general character, that the public works of the country, as well as habitations for man, were constructed by Operative Masons.

The Operative Masons who erected these structures were those who had migrated from Europe, and there are documents extant known as the York Manuscripts of the Operative Masons, which show that those who wielded the mallet and used the chisel, the square and plumb rule, were important members of the community to which they belonged.

MASONRY IN ENGLAND.

We know that under the influence of ecclesiastical authority the art of building "after the Roman manner" was revived in England, and that the magnificent Gothic structure, York Cathedral, is the result of the work of the operative Masons who were brought from Europe between the eleventh and thirteenth centuries.

Hughan claims that the "old charges" prove that our society had an ecclesiastical origin, and calls them "the title deeds of our inheritance."

"These "old charges" were usually written on parchment and contained a history of Masonry as applied to the Operative Sodality, and regulations for the government of the Craft.

Why, I hold in my hand, and I now unroll it, one of these very "old charges," known as the Scarborough Manuscript, and owned by the Grand Lodge of Canada, written on parchment. It dates from about 1700 A. D., and is one of those rolls which were read at the making of Masons in the operative and speculative lodges of England.

These charges were read in the operative lodges at the making of a brother, and the regulation is still preserved in form in modern lodges by the delivery of a charge to a candidate at the close of the ceremony of his reception into a degree.

THE EARLIEST RECORDS.

Hughan says that as early as 1600 the names of speculative members are to be found in the records of some of the operative lodges.

The records of the Masons Company in London from 1620-1 show conclusively that although that company had

charge of operative work, yet within its precincts and under its wing there was a speculative lodge, whose members were "Accepted Masons," whereas those of the company proper were Freemasons.

The combination of the two prefixes, "Free and Accepted," was brought about towards the end of the seventeenth century, though as a matter of fact the term "Free and Accepted Mason" is not met with in print before the Grand Lodge era of 1717.

There is not the slightest doubt in my mind after a reading of Conder's History of the Masons' Company, that the members of the Speculative lodge under its wing were not Operatives, but men from the better classes of the life of that period.

The truth is that the power of the Operative organizations in London and elsewhere gradually waned, and the Speculative element became more general, till during the seventeenth and eighteenth centuries, Speculative lodges, so to speak, had the call, and the Operative control of the Craft passed away.

The gist of all that I have stated may be summed up in a few words, and that is that the Operative lodges which existed from "time immemorial" were the precursors of the Speculative lodges which existed prior to 1717.

THE FIRST GRAND LODGE.

Prior to 1717 there were no Grand Lodges. The meetings of the Craft during the Operative period, that is from the Middle Ages, were called Assemblies, and answered the purpose of the modern Grand Lodge. As early as the 17th century we find the term "General Assembly."

There were Speculative lodges in England long before the era of Grand Lodges—the lodge in the Masons' Company, another at Warrington, near Liverpool, in Lancashire, where Elias Ashmole was initiated in 1646, and the several old lodges which existed elsewhere in England for many years prior to 1717.

The earliest Operative lodge minutes preserved in Scotland are those of the lodge of Edinburgh, better known as Mary Chapel. These minutes date from 1599, and with the exception of thirteen years are complete from 1599 until 1905.

In these records we find that in 1600 John Boswell, Laird of Auchinlech, was present. He was not an opera-

tive. I have the honor to be an honorary member of the venerable "Mary Chapel" lodge.

It was in 1717 that some members of the London lodges determined to revive Freemasonry and organize a Grand Lodge for the government of the Craft. This determination brought the Grand Lodge of England into existence as the Mother Grand Lodge, directly or indirectly, of all regular Masonic lodges the world over.

To the indefatigable work of Bro. W. J. Hughan, with whom I have had the pleasure of a long and intimate friendship, is due the credit of having examined the old records and documents of the Craft and of having given to the world the result of his most thorough investigation in connection with the origin and history of Freemasonry.

THE GRAND LODGES OF ENGLAND.

Now, let me in a few sentences give you something about the early Grand Lodges of England.

As I have told you already, prior to 1717, there were no Grand Lodges, but on St. John the Baptist Day, 1717, the representatives of four of the old lodges that worked in London, assembled at the Goose and Gridiron Ale House in London yard, St. Paul's Churchyard, formed a Grand Lodge, and elected by a majority of hands—bear in mind not by ballot—Mr. Anthony Sayer, gentleman, as Grand Master of Masons.

This old tavern was built in 1670, and it was in existence in 1895, when it was demolished to make room for the extension of a mercantile warehouse. I had frequently visited the old house and had sat in the very room where my Masonic brethren sat 188 years ago, and in which they formed the original Grand Lodge of England.

My friend, the late W. Bro. Arthur Greenwood, of London, was the contractor for demolition of the building, and he gave me some of the oak joists which formed the floor of this historic room where Masonry was revived, and by its revival one of the greatest blessings was conferred upon mankind.

The chair that stands upon my right is made out of the oak joists that held up the floor of that very room.

The jurisdiction of the Grand Lodge of England down to 1742 was confined to the cities of London and Westminster, but after that date lodges were constituted in other cities.

Remember, my brethren, that this was the first and the original Grand Lodge of England—the parent of all Grand Lodges.

A GRAND LODGE AT YORK.

In 1725 the Masons at York, who had a Speculative lodge from an early period, stimulated by the work of the Grand Lodge at London, established a Grand Lodge at York in December of that year, calling it by the pretentious name of the “Grand Lodge of all England.” This Grand Lodge became dormant in 1740, but was revived in 1761 and finally died of inanition about 1790, leaving no representatives.

GRAND LODGE OF THE ANCIENTS.

In 1751 a third governing body was established in the metropolis and designated “The Grand Lodge of England, according to the old constitutions.”

The members of this Grand Lodge were known as the “Ancients,” while those of the first Grand Lodge were unfairly called “Moderns.” The former were also known as “York Masons,” though they had no connection with that city.

THE PRESTON GRAND LODGE.

Then in 1779 there was a disagreement between William Preston, of the Lodge of Antiquity, in London, and the Masons of the first Grand Lodge of England, and Bro. Preston and a majority of the members of his lodge withdrew therefrom and accepted a dispensation or authority from the Grand Lodge at York in March, 1779, constituting them as the “Grand Lodge of England south of the River Trent.”

But in May, 1790, the members of the Preston Grand Lodge made peace with the original Grand Lodge of England and were restored to all their Masonic privileges, and dissolved their Grand Lodge and subordinates. Thus during the eighteenth century there were actually four Grand Lodges existing in England. Quite recently, however, the number four has been changed to five by Bro. Sadler's discovery that a number of Scottish Masons formed a Grand Lodge in London, for a short time, during the latter half of the 18th century, but it lived and died in obscurity. After 1790 there were but two rival

organizations — the original Grand Lodge of the "Moderns," of 1717, and the Grand Lodge of the "Ancients," of 1751.

THE UNION IN ENGLAND.

These two bodies agreed to settle their differences, and on the 27th of December, 1813, joined hands and formed the present "United Grand Lodge of England." The Duke of Kent was the Grand Master of the "Ancient" Grand Lodge, and the Duke of Sussex of the Grand Lodge of the "Moderns."

Before I proceed with the Canadian branch of the subject, let me say that with regard to the degrees of Masonry that, prior to the founding of the original Grand Lodge of England, the best opinion, that of Hughan, for instance, is that probably there were not three degrees, but only one ceremony in vogue up to the end of the 17th century.

ORIGIN OF THE RITUAL.

But it is generally admitted that the divisions of the Masonic system into three degrees was the work of ritual makers of the 1720-23 period, for we know from the Book of Constitution of 1723 and other publications that there were three degrees at that period.

As regards the rituals, a number were published from 1723, but they were all unrecognized. The fact is that the rituals of the pioneer years of the Grand Lodge of England were gradually embellished and extended as the years went on, until at the union in 1813 the working of the two grand Lodges was compared and revised, and very elaborate ceremonies were compiled and then promulgated by the Emulation Lodge of Improvement, whose work is sanctioned by the Grand Lodge of England.

RITUALS OF CANADA AND U. S.

The work of our lodges in Canada is precisely the same as that of the Emulation work to which I have just referred, and exactly the same as that worked in England and in all lodges on the roll of the Grand Lodge of England.

While speaking of rituals, let me remark that the work in the United States differs to a great extent from that of the Grand Lodge of England, and, of course, from that worked in Canada.

The ritual of the United States dates in its original form from about 1797-1801, and was the work of Thomas Smith Webb, who was undoubtedly the ablest ritualist of his day—as Bro. Carson says, “the very prince of Masonic workmen.” My old friend, R. W. Bro. Ehlers, the Grand Secretary of the Grand Lodge of New York, in a recent conversation says that all the credit for the authorship and compilation of the original ritual used in the United States, and which is worked to-day in improved form, is due to Bro. Thomas Smith Webb. Masonry in what is now the United States had a direct connection with the founding of Freemasonry in Canada.

FIRST FREEMASONRY IN CANADA.

The Craft work of America was introduced into Massachusetts in 1733, when Henry Price was appointed Grand Master of North America by the original Grand Lodge of England. It had, however, been in operation in Pennsylvania slightly earlier, but from what source such knowledge was obtained has so far eluded discovery.

Canadian Masonry was founded in Nova Scotia between the years 1737-40. On the 13th of November, 1737, Erasmus James Phillips, an officer of the 40th Regiment, who was stationed at Annapolis Royal, visited Boston and was made a Mason in the “First Lodge in Boston.”

Bro. Phillips was a nephew of Col. Richard Phillips, the first governor of Nova Scotia, and was secretary of the Governor’s Council. Bro. Price, as Provincial Grand Master, also appointed Bro. Phillips as his Deputy, with power to organize lodges in that Province.

FIRST LODGE IN CANADA.

Phillips, therefore, not only organized a lodge at Annapolis, but also, on the petition of brethren at Halifax, granted in 1750 a warrant for a lodge, and appointed R. W. Bro. Edward Cornwallis, the founder of Halifax and Governor of Nova Scotia, as the first Master.

In the minutes of the first Lodge at Boston, in 1730, Bro. Phillips is entered as Grand Master of Nova Scotia, and there seems to be no doubt that he exercised all the powers of such an appointment. It seems to have been an extraordinary exercise of power on the part of Bro. Price, for there is no evidence of any authority from Eng-

land giving Bro. Phillips the position of Provincial Grand Master until 1758.

But Bro. Phillips was an active Mason, and did what little he had to do very well. I spent a pleasant day some years ago with one of his descendants, or rather a direct descendant of Sir Richard Phillips, the first Governor of Nova Scotia.

The descendant I refer to is an Anglican clergyman, the Rev. Sir James Erasmus Phillips, of Salisbury Cathedral, England.

I had the opportunity of making copies of all the correspondence of Bro. Erasmus Phillips, of Annapolis, and amongst the letters some to his mother, which showed his disposition as a loving and affectionate son, and evidently a man of very high moral character.

FIRST MASONRY IN QUEBEC.

Twenty years after the founding of the lodge at Annapolis, and ten years after the warranting of the first craft lodge at Halifax, and a few months after the gallant Wolfe had captured Quebec, the seven military lodges at Quebec, on the 27th of December, 1759, organized a Provincial Grand Lodge, under the original Grand Lodge of England—which was better known at a later period as the Grand Lodge of the "Moderns."

These military lodges annually elected a Provincial Grand Master. One of these early Provincial Grand Masters was R. W. Bro. Simon Fraser, who commanded the 78th Highlanders at the assault on the ancient city.

This provincial Grand Lodge met with fair regularity, and continued its work down to 1792, when H. R. H. Prince Edward, afterwards the Duke of Kent, who will be remembered in later years as the father of the late Queen Victoria, finding the lodges of the city of Quebec in a somewhat dormant condition, determined to put new life into the Craft.

ANCIENTS IN ENGLAND.

He founded a Provincial Grand Lodge under the "Ancients" of England, a body that was the rival of the original Grand Lodge of England, and held the office of Grand Master down to 1812, although he had left Quebec many years before that date.

He was succeeded by R. W. Bro. Claude Denechau,

until 1822, when, in 1822-24, a number of the lodges of the Province applied to the Grand Lodge of England for warrants, which body divided the Province into two Provincial Grand Lodge districts, namely, "Quebec, and Three Rivers," which continued until 1870, when it was dissolved; and the Provincial Grand Lodge of "Montreal and William Henry," which also passed away some time after the formation of the Grand Lodge of Canada in 1855.

This is practically the history of the Grand Lodges in the Province of Quebec down to the formation of the Grand Lodge of Canada and the present Grand Lodge of Quebec.

It is recorded that on one occasion at a meeting of the Grand Lodge at Quebec a brother, in speaking to a question, addressed the Prince as "Your Royal Highness," whereupon the Grand Master called him to order and said, "There are no royal highnesses here. We are all brethren."

After the Grand Lodge of Canada was formed in 1855 it was made a condition of recognition by the Grand Lodge of England that all lodges under English obedience that did not desire to affiliate with the Grand Lodge of Canada should be allowed to continue their work under their English warrants, but that no other warrants would be issued by the Grand Lodge of England in Canada.

In October of 1869 the Grand Lodge of Quebec was formed by twenty-eight of the warranted lodges in that Province, and this Grand Lodge gradually absorbed all the Craft lodges in the province except the three which were under the Provincial Grand Lodge of England, viz., St. Paul's, St. Lawrence and St. George's, and so working in Montreal up to the present day.

MASONRY IN UPPER CANADA.

Now let me go back for a few minutes to the pioneer days of Masonry in our own Province of Ontario, or rather in old Upper Canada.

In March, 1792, R. W. Bro. William Jarvis was appointed by the Grand Lodge of the Ancients of England as the Provincial Grand Master of Upper Canada. He established his Grand Lodge at Niagara on the 27th December, 1792.

It must be remembered that prior to the advent of R.

W. Bro. William Jarvis there were at least ten lodges in Upper Canada, some warranted by the Provincial Grand Lodge at Quebec, others by the original Grand Lodge of England, and one at least by the Grand Lodge of New York.

Bro. Jarvis warranted about twenty lodges during his term as Provincial Grand Master. I note a few:

The first lodge warranted was the Grand Master's Lodge, No. 1, at Niagara.

It is said that Governor Simcoe, who had been made a Mason in Exeter in England in 1773, was a member of this lodge, but his name does not appear upon any of the records. Governor Simcoe was initiated in Union Lodge, Exeter, in December, 1773.

AT CATHEDRAL YARD.

I have had the pleasure of putting up at the Globe Hotel, in the Cathedral Yard, where the lodge met, and of seeing the room where our premier Governor first saw the Great Lights spread. I have an excellent photograph of the brother who tyled Union Lodge on that memorable occasion.

St. John's Lodge of Friendship, No. 2, at Niagara, was quite a prominent lodge.

Lodge No. 3, that in the regiment of the Queen's Rangers. It met in the old fort in York (Toronto).

The Lodge of Philanthropy, at Niagara, No. 4, was the first lodge to form a Board of Relief.

Lodge No. 5, at Edwardsburg. It met at Tucker's Tavern, at the northeast corner of the road from Prescott to Montreal, on the road to Spencerville.

Lodge No. 6, at Kingston, a lodge that has perfect records from November, 1795. It was a leading lodge; I may say, the lodge of the Midland district.

Lodge No. 7, at Fredericksburg, now Conway, in Lennox County, at the entrance to the Bay of Quinte.

Lodge No. 8, at York, now Toronto. The first Masonic funeral in Upper Canada was under the auspices of this lodge, and Bro. Jarvis was present.

Lodge No. 9, in the township of Bertie, in Welland. It met at Fort Erie.

CHIEF BRANT A MEMBER.

Lodge No. 10, in the township of Barton, now Hamilton. Chief Joseph Brant was a member of this lodge. Bro. Richard Beasley was also a member.

Lodge No. 11, at Mohawk village, on the Grand River, near Brantford. This was the lodge that the Brant family more regularly attended.

Lodge No. 12, at Stamford, near Niagara Falls. One of its rules was that if a brother appear "disguised in liquor he would not be admitted, but was sure to be admonished by the Master the next night."

Lodge No. 13, at Elizabethtown. This was a noted lodge that did much for early Masonry, for it sounded the keynote for an independent Grand Lodge for Upper Canada. It was also known as Leeds Lodge.

Howard Lodge, No. 14, at Southwold, in Middlesex. It met at Lee's tavern, lot 26, north, on Talbot Road east.

Lodge No. 15, at Grimsby—the lodge at the Forty Mile Creek—a great lodge, most enthusiastic in its work.

Lodge No. 16, at York, now Toronto. The famous St. John's Royal Arch Lodge, No. 16, that built the first masonic hall in Toronto.

Lodge No. 17, in the township of Thurlow, at Belleville.

Lodge No. 18, at Amherstburg, known as Adoniram. This lodge was working the second degree on the night of 11th June, 1812, when a brother rode up to the lodge and gave the alarm that General Hull was crossing at Sandwich. The W. M. rushed the work while horses were being saddled, and in ten minutes the brethren shouldered their guns and were off to meet the invader.

UNDER THE RULE OF JARVIS.

The Craft did not prosper under the rule of Bro. Jarvis, who died in 1817. In 1800-01, in fact earlier, there were signs of great discontent with Bro. Jarvis. He had opened his Provincial Grand Lodge at Niagara in 1792, but came over to York in 1796 with Governor Simcoe.

He refused to call Grand Lodge at Niagara, and insisted that the Great East was at York, for he, the Provincial Grand Master, was there. So there was much friction, and the Niagara District brethren elected R. W. Bro. Dr. Kerr as Provincial Grand Master, and refused to have anything to do with Bro. Jarvis.

Then trouble ensued. Bro. Jarvis did not interest himself in the Craft work at Toronto, and Bro. Kerr was very active at Niagara. A great deal of credit is due to Bro. Robert Kerr, who, by the way, was a prominent

medical man—a surgeon in Sir John Johnston's Second Battalion. He married a daughter of Sir Wm. Johnson, whose second wife was Mary or "Molly" Brant, a sister of Chief Joseph Brant.

The Craft of the Niagara District flourished under Bro. Kerr, and in 1817 the Kingston Masonic Convention was formed by the lodges of the Midland District, under R. W. Bro. Ziba M. Phillips, the most energetic Freemason in Upper Canada from 1816-45.

CRAFT REORGANIZED.

The troubles of the Craft in Canada were reported to the Grand Lodge of England, and after four years' effort R. W. Bro. Simon McGillivray came to Canada in September, 1822, by instruction of the Duke of Sussex, and reorganized the Craft and formed the second Provincial Grand Lodge at York (Toronto). Bro. McGillivray was initiated in the "Shakespeare" Lodge (now No. 99), London, 23rd April, 1807, and became a distinguished member of the Grand Lodge of England.

R. W. Bro. McGillivray was the Provincial Grand Master, and Bro. James Fitzgibbon was Deputy Grand Master. I have had the pleasure of many enjoyable interviews with Rear Admiral Dawkins and Mrs. Dawkins, who was the daughter of R. W. Bro. Simon McGillivray. You all know the story of the fight at the Beaver Dam in the township of Thorold, and of how Lieut. Fitzgibbon, with a handful of men, captured about 500 American troops.

Bro. John Beikie succeeded in 1825 Bro. Fitzgibbon, and was active in the Craft until 1839. He was clerk of the Executive council of Upper Canada. He was the best ritualist of his day.

SECOND PROVINCIAL GRAND LODGE.

The Second Provincial Grand Lodge became dormant about 1830, and in 1845 the Third Provincial Grand Lodge was organized at Hamilton with M. W. Bro. Sir Allan Macnab as Grand Master. It was organized in the building on the southwest corner of Hughson and Main streets, formerly occupied by the Spectator Company.

This Provincial Grand Lodge was an energetic body and continued its work until 1858, when it made terms

and united with the Grand Lodge of Canada under the Grand Mastership of William Mercer Wilson. Its leading officials for some years opposed strongly the formation of an independent Grand Lodge, but in 1852 an effort was made in that direction, but without success, and again in 1854. The Grand Lodge of England did not even acknowledge the receipt of the petition of the Provincial Grand Lodge. Finally, in July of 1855, at Niagara Falls, the Provincial Grand Lodge rejected a motion to form an independent Grand Lodge, and this vote sounded the death knell of the Provincial body.

THE GRAND LODGE OF CANADA.

The air was full of resolve for a governing body. Aided by the influence and efforts of the Irish lodges in Canada, a convention was called in October, 1855, at Hamilton, and the Grand Lodge of Canada was formed by all the Irish lodges and many of the lodges of the Third Provincial Grand Lodge.

In the meantime the Third Provincial saw that they had lost their opportunity, and three years later they changed the Third Provincial Grand Lodge into an independent and sovereign body under the name of the Ancient Grand Lodge of Canada, and united with the Grand Lodge of Canada in 1858.

WHAT GRAND LODGE HAS DONE.

Now, brethren, let me give you very briefly something about the history of our own Grand Lodge.

The time at my disposal will only permit me to refer to the principal incidents in its honored life of half a century.

At its first communication, in July, 1856, there were 33 lodges on the roll; to-day there are 383.

In 1856 the receipts were \$465, and the disbursements \$320. In 1903 our receipts were \$30,263 and our disbursements \$25,937—of which nearly \$14,000 was for benevolent purposes.

The Grand Lodge of Ireland, in 1856, was the first foreign Grand Lodge to recognize the Grand Lodge of Canada.

In 1857 efforts were made to effect a union with the Ancient Grand Lodge, and in 1858, through the services of M. W. Bro. William Mercer Wilson, that happy event was consummated.

In 1859 the difficulties between the Grand Lodge of Canada and that of England were settled, and the mother Grand Lodge extended the right hand of fellowship—and so did Scotland.

No words of mine can do justice to the work of M. W. Bro. William Mercer Wilson. He was a model Grand Master, a man of much ability—as his correspondence with the Grand Lodge of England and his able handling of our case testifies, and will forever be gratefully remembered by our Grand Lodge.

TO COMMEMORATE THE UNION.

In 1860 M. W. Bro. T. D. Harington, of Ottawa, was elected to succeed Bro. Wilson—and at this meeting the medal commemorative of the union was ordered to be struck.

In 1861 the misunderstanding about the laying of the foundation stone of the Parliament Buildings at Ottawa took place. It had been arranged that the Grand Lodge should perform the ceremony, but the influence of the Roman Catholic hierarchy prevailed, and the services of Grand Lodge, although duly assembled, were not made use of.

In this year the Board of General Purposes was formed.

In 1863 there was lengthy correspondence with England in reference to the status of certain English lodges in Canada.

The correspondence was carried on for us by the master hand of M. W. Bro. Harington, and it is conceded that he conducted the matter in a very able manner—his letters are models of argument and diction.

In 1864 the system of nomination of elective officers was adopted.

In 1865 an effort was made to secure uniformity in the esoteric work.

In 1866, looking forward to confederation, M. W. Bro. Wilson was again in the chair. He favored a Grand Lodge for British North America and a Provincial Grand Lodge for each province.

In 1867 he suggested a Grand Lodge for the Dominion, but the idea did not find favor.

In 1868 Sir John A. Macdonald was appointed representative of Canada—near the Grand Lodge of England. I had the honor of succeeding that distinguished brother.

In 1869 Grand Lodge honored our good brother, M. W. Bro. Stevenson, whom we are so glad to have with us to-day, with the position of Grand Master. Long may he be spared to us.

GRAND LODGE OF QUEBEC.

In this year the Grand Lodge of Quebec was formed, but it was not recognized by the Grand Lodge of Canada until 1874.

In 1871 dual membership in our lodge was abolished, but in 1872 the resolution was rescinded.

In 1872 the Grand Lodge made a gift of \$2,000 to the Chicago fire sufferers. While the conflagration was in progress the telegraph message of M. W. Bro. Wilson was handed to the Mayor of the burning city as he watched the flames.

In 1873 Vermont threatened non-intercourse with Canada unless all claims to jurisdiction in Quebec were withdrawn. Bro. Wilson at once resented the insult by suspending intercourse with that Grand Lodge.

In 1874, at the Grand Lodge at Toronto, a dramatic scene took place upon the floor of Grand Lodge, when the Master of Antiquity Lodge, Montreal, was discussing the status of the brethren who had stood ultra loyal to the Grand Lodge of Canada. He stood upon the dais, and as he closed his address he dropped on his knees and implored the Grand Lodge of Canada for God's sake not to forsake them.

IN MANITOBA AND P. E. I.

In 1875 we had the formation of Grand Lodges in Manitoba and Prince Edward Island. It was during this year that the Eden Lodge difficulty arose, which led to the formation of the "Grand Lodge of Ontario," which passed away a few years ago.

In 1876 about fifty brethren who had joined the Grand Lodge of Ontario were promptly suspended by M. W. Bro. J. K. Kerr, and Grand Lodge fully endorsed his action.

In 1878 we severed fraternal relations with France on account of the official non-recognition of the Deity.

In 1880 M. W. Bro. James A. Henderson, of whom we have so many pleasant recollections, ordered that no candidate should be initiated outside of the jurisdiction in

which he resided without the consent of the lodge to which the candidate by right belonged.

In 1884 Grand Lodge expressed an opinion unfavorable to the use of liquor at the refreshment tables of lodges.

In 1885 the entire districts of Grand Lodge were redistributed.

In 1886, in deference to the opinion of foreign bodies, that the words "Grand Lodge of Canada" did not indicate the exact jurisdiction of this Grand Lodge, the words "in the Province of Ontario" were added to our title.

In 1887 Grand Lodge affiliated with the General Board of Relief of the United States and Canada—and by this act has in eighteen years probably saved the Craft of Canada about \$50,000.

In 1888 Lodge No. 159, Vankleek Hill, the last lodge on the Irish register working in Canada, affiliated with Grand Lodge.

In 1891-02 I had the honor of being elected Grand Master, and had the pleasure of officially visiting each of the 357 lodges in the jurisdiction during my Grand Mastership.

CENTENNIAL OF GRAND LODGE, UPPER CANADA.

On the 27th December, 1892, the centennial of the founding of the first Provincial Grand Lodge of Upper Canada by R. W. Bro. Jarvis, at Niagara, was commemorated at Toronto, at which I had the honor of presiding, with Bro. George A. Kirkpatrick, Lieutenant-Governor of the Province of Ontario, seated on my right.

In 1893 the centennial of Masonry in Kingston was celebrated by the Craft of that city.

In 1896 the so-called Grand Lodge of Ontario ceased to exist, largely through the efforts of the late R. W. Bro. George Patterson, of Toronto, who died a few days ago, and whose death we all, I am sure, deeply regret. In 1897 a new form of ballot paper, prepared by me, by which all officers are elected at one ballot, was adopted.

In 1902 the rank of Hon. Past Grand Master was conferred on the M. W. the G. M. of England, H. R. H. the Duke of Connaught.

In 1903 M. W. Bro. J. E. Harding suggested the establishment of a \$100,000 fund for charity, to mark the semi-centennial celebration of Grand Lodge. Let us hope that this fund will soon be completed.

In 1004 the one hundredth anniversary of Masonry in Norfolk county was observed by Norfolk Lodge, No. 10, the mother lodge of M. W. Bro. Wilson, the first Grand Master of the Grand Lodge.

To mark the semi-centennial of Grand Lodge it was ordered last year that the grants to recipients of benevolence for 1905 should be increased by one-half.

And here we are to-day with 390 lodges on our roll and a membership of 35,000, doing a work for Masonry that has earned for us not only the good words of the Grand Lodges of the world—but the esteem and respect of the people at large in this happy land that is our home.

A WORD IN CLOSING.

Bro. Robertson said on concluding:

And now, my brethren, I have told you in brief the story of the Craft, the story of the Grand Lodges, of the Mother Grand Lodges, which in due course gave to the world in 1813 the United Grand Lodge of England.

I have told you of the beginnings of Masonry in Canada, the story of the Grand Lodge and Provincial Grand Lodge that pioneered our own Grand Lodge, and of whose work I may say in the words of Sir Christopher Wren's eulogy or epitaph in St. Paul's Cathedral, "If you would see their monument look around you."

But, my brethren, we are not here to plant funeral lamps around the buried greatness of the pioneer Grand Lodges who have sown where we are reaping.

Theirs was the seed time, ours the harvest—a harvest that shall never end in an autumn of decay.

I say that we would be poor Masons if we could travel in thought as we have journeyed together over fifty years of true and faithful work for Masonry without realizing that we are here not merely to bury or to praise the Cæsars of Masonic history.

We are here to unitedly renew our vows of loyalty to the Craft at the altar lights of its history.

We are here to acknowledge what the fathers of Masonry have done in this country.

We are here to realize that we are becoming fathers ourselves.

I hope and pray that in the aftertime—in the years to come when the sons and grandsons of our Masonic household gather around the altar of this Grand Lodge they

will have as good reason to look back with pride upon us, as we have to look back with pride and gratitude upon the Masons of long ago, the pioneer craftsmen who carried the Union Jack into the backwoods of Canada, whose first altar was an oak stump upon which the Holy Writings were spread, and at which many a good man and true was brought from the darkness of the world into the light of the Craft.

M. W. Bro. A. A. Stevenson, in moving a vote of thanks to M. W. Bro. J. Ross Robertson, said:

"We are exceedingly fortunate in having in our ranks a brother so eminently qualified to serve us on such an important occasion as this jubilee year. Among other things we have to be exceedingly careful and thorough in all our historic statements (almost as if we had been witnesses of them) when we speak of past events. I think there is a slight error as to the date of the Union Medal. That important event—the union of the whole Craft in Canada—took place in the city of Toronto on the 14th July, 1858, when the Ancient Grand Lodge and the Grand Lodge of Canada united under the banner of this Grand Lodge, and on motion of M. W. Bro. S. B. Harman, ex-Mayor of Toronto, a commemoration medal was ordered to be "struck," the wearing of which was restricted to those who were present at that communication. I happened to be present for the first time in Grand Lodge, and I got, and still possess one of the medals. I rise not to criticise, however, but to congratulate Grand Lodge on having so capable a brother as M. W. Bro. John Ross Robertson as its historian, and to express our gratitude to him for his effort of to-day. Experience in Grand Lodge has proven that anything undertaken by M. W. Bro. Robertson is an indication of thoroughness, while for him to make a statement on any subject carries always with it the stamp of reliability. Grand Lodge is to be congratulated on having a brother so well qualified and endowed, so willing to make sacrifices, and who does his work so efficiently on occasions of this kind. I am sure that everyone who has heard his address to-day hopes that he will be long spared to continue in such work, and that the same willingness that has characterized him in the past will continue in the future. I also hope that the brethren present will see to it that the affairs of Grand

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Lodge are conducted in such a manner that when the centennial of this Grand Lodge shall come (I do not expect to see it myself, but some of you will) that some now present will be able to look back upon this day and point to the fact that it was the lecture just delivered that prompted and fostered in them a desire to do a far greater work in the next fifty years than has been accomplished in the past. I am sure that you will all concur in the resolution I propose."

REPORT OF THE BOARD ON WARRANTS.

R. W. Bro. James H. Burritt, Deputy Grand Master, on behalf of the Board of General Purposes, presented the following report, which was read by R. W. Bro. D. F. Macwatt, Chairman of the Committee on Warrants:

REPORT.

The Board of General Purposes begs to make the following recommendations:

1. That warrants be issued to the following lodges, viz: Tottenham Lodge, No. 467, Tottenham, in Georgian District No. 9; Peel Lodge, No. 468, Caledon East, in Toronto West District No. 11; Algoma Lodge, No. 469, Sault Ste Marie, in Nipissing District No. 18; Victoria Lodge, No. 470, Victoria Harbor, in Georgian District, No. 9; King Edward VII Lodge, No. 471, Chippewa, in Niagara District No. 10.

2. That the dispensations granted to Gore Lodge, Gore Bay; The Beaches Lodge, Balmy Beach; Victoria Lodge, Toronto Junction; Dundurn Lodge, Hamilton, and Corinthian Lodge, North Gower, be continued during the ensuing year.

3. That as the M. W. the Grand Master refused the petition for a dispensation of the brethren of Lynden, your committee recommend that his decision be approved.

4. As the petition of the brethren from Blind River, Algoma, for a dispensation to form a lodge, has not been recommended by the R. W. the D. D. G. M., or approved by the nearest lodge, your committee cannot recommend that a dispensation be granted at the present time.

5. Several brethren residing in the vicinity of Dungannon have petitioned for a dispensation, but as the D. D. G. M. has not visited the place and the necessary report and information had not been furnished, it is recommended that the matter be referred to the incoming Grand Master.

Fraternally submitted.

D. F. MACWATT.

Chairman Committee on Warrants.

It was moved by R. W. Bro. James H. Burritt, seconded by R. W. Bro. D. F. Macwatt, and

Resolved, That the report of the Board on Warrants be received and adopted.

REPORT OF THE BOARD ON PRINTING AND SUPPLIES.

R. W. Bro. James H. Burritt, Deputy Grand Master, on behalf of the Board of General Purposes, presented

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the following report, which was read by R. W. Bro. J. S. Dewar, Chairman of the Committee on Printing and Supplies:

REPORT.

The Board of General Purposes beg to report that they have examined the undermentioned accounts, and finding the same correct, recommend them to the Audit and Finance Committee for payment:

The Copp, Clark Co., Toronto, lithographing certificates and warrants	\$1,184 35
The Spectator Printing Co., Hamilton, contract work to July 1st	\$1,978 95
Less paid on account	1,000 00
	978 95
Robert Duncan & Co., Hamilton, stationery, goods, etc.	108 90
A. C. Turnbull, Hamilton, sundries	44 28
Howell Litho. Co., Hamilton, lithographing	35 00
Bell Telephone Co., office phone.	28 50
The T. W. Hand Fireworks Co., tubes for certificates	17 25
French Bros., 20 folio books	6 25

Total \$2,403 48

The Board will endeavor to place the different reports of Grand Lodge (such as are deemed prudent to print at this time) in the hands of the brethren as soon as possible after their presentation to Grand Lodge, and not before.

Fraternally submitted.

JOHN S. DEWAR,

Chairman of Sub-Committee on Printing and Supplies.

It was moved by R. W. Bro. James H. Burritt, seconded by R. W. Bro. J. S. Dewar, and

Resolved, That the report of the Board of General Purposes on Printing and Supplies be adopted.

REPORT OF THE BOARD ON AUDIT AND FINANCE.

R. W. Bro. James H. Burritt, Deputy Grand Master, on behalf of the Board of General Purposes, presented the following report, which was read by R. W. Bro. Geo. S. May, Chairman of the Committee on Audit and Finance:

REPORT.

The Board of General Purposes beg leave to report that they have audited the books of the Grand Secretary and Grand Treasurer and have pleasure in certifying to their correctness.

All monies received by the Grand Secretary have been paid over to the Grand Treasurer and their receipt acknowl-

edged by that officer. Vouchers have been produced for payments made by the Grand Treasurer as authorized by Grand Lodge.

The report of the Grand Secretary gives a full statement of the receipts from all sources, as well as other business transacted in the office. The total receipts have been\$23,011 18

The total expenditures as follows:

General purposes	14,402 83
Benevolence	13,940 00

\$28,342 83

Receipts over expenditures	4,668 35
The receipts last year were	\$0,141 52
The increase this year being	2,869 66

We again have pleasure in recording that the receipts this year have exceeded all previous records.

During the year the Investment Committee have invested the sum of \$4,866.66 in the purchase of City of Toronto Debentures bearing 3½ per cent., which purchase will net Grand Lodge 4.05 per cent.

Securities held by Grand Lodge on the 31st May, 1905, were as follows:

Brockville Debentures, 4 per cent. face value	\$ 3,000 00
Woodstock Debentures, 6 per cent. face value	7,000 00
Central Canada Loan & Savings Co., 4 per cent. face value	15,000 00
Canada Permanent & Western Canada Mortgage Corporation, 4 per cent. face value	20,000 00
Landed Banking & Loan Co., 4 per cent. face value ..	15,000 00
Canada Savings & Loan Co., 4 1-8 per cent. face value..	5,000 00
Ontario Loan & Debenture Co., 4 1-8 per cent face value..	5,000 00
Hamilton Provident & Loan Co., 4 1-8 per cent. face value	15,000 00
City of Brantford Debentures, 4 per cent. face value ..	8,000 00
St. Thomas, school, 4 per cent., netting Grand Lodge 4 1-16 per cent.	12,148 50
City of Toronto Debentures, 3½ per cent., netting Grand Lodge 4.05 per cent.	4,866 66

\$110,015 16

Balance at credit of Current Account in Canadian

Bank of Commerce, 31st May, 1905	6,153 36
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\$116,168 52

We have to report that the Semi-Centennial Fund at this date amounts to \$20,849.99.

On account of a vote at the last Annual Communication of Grand Lodge there will be paid on account of Benevolence

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from the General Fund, as a special Semi-Centennial grant, the sum of \$7,520.00.

The Board recommends payment of the following accounts, viz.:—

Committee on Foreign Correspondence	\$ 150 00
Grand Secretary, balance of incidental expenses to 31st May, 1905	148 11
Grand Secretary, advance for incidentals, 1905 and 1906	1,000 00
Premium on Grand Secretary's bond	12 50
General Masonic Relief association, subscription	163 54
Benevolent grants	<u>15,035 00</u>
Total	\$16,509 16

The Committee on Printing and Supplies report that the following accounts are correct, and the Board recommends their payment:—

Copp, Clark Co., certificates and warrants	\$1,184 35
Spectator Printing Co., (contract) July 1, '06.	\$1,978 95
Less paid on account	<u>1,000 00</u>
	978 95
The Robt. Duncan Co., stationery, etc.....	108 90
A. C. Turnbull, stationery	44 28
The Howell Lithographing Co.	35 00
The Bell Telephone Co.	28 50
The Hand Fireworks Co., tubes for mailing	17 25
French Bros., folio books	<u>6 25</u>
	\$2,403 48

The Board recommends the payment of the expenses of the Semi-Centennial Committee when ascertained and passed by the Chairman of the Board of General Purposes.

We further recommend the payment to R. W. Bro. Nixon, attendance at the Benevolent Committee, \$15.00, also to R. W. Bro. R. L. Gunn, Auditor's fees in full, \$300.

We have inspected the Grand Secretary's bond issued by the United States Fidelity and Guaranty Co., of Baltimore, same is drawn on a special and approved form for the sum of \$5,000.00, and authorizes the Grand Master for the time being to fully represent Grand Lodge in renewing same. The bond is in the custody of the Grand Treasurer.

Upon consideration of a letter to the Grand Secretary from Springfield Lodge, No. 259, Springfield, claiming that their regalia had been returned to Grand Lodge when they surrendered their charter, and that said regalia had not been returned to them when their charter was renewed, we would recommend that a grant of \$25 be made.

The Board recommends that the sum of \$750 00 per annum be paid to the Inspector of Benevolent Grants, on condition that he makes investigations at the direction of and to the satisfaction of the Committee on Benevolence, the said sum to include all traveling expenses.

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Before closing, the Board desires to express its admiration and approval of the improvement made in the Grand Secretary's offices, and feel that they are now in keeping with the dignity of our beloved Order.

Fraternally submitted,

GEO. S. MAY,
Chairman, Finance Committee.

REPORT OF THE AUDITOR.

Hamilton, July 17th, 1905.

To the President and Members of the Board of General Purposes :

R. W. Sir and Brethren :

By instructions of the Most Worshipful the Grand Master, I have made a monthly audit of the books of the Grand Secretary for the year ending 31st May, 1905, and have also examined the books of the Grand Treasurer for the year, together with his annual report, and I beg to certify to their correctness and good order. The balance in the bank at 31st May, 1905, after deducting outstanding cheques, was \$6,153.36, and agree with the Grand Treasurer's books. The receipts from various sources have been regularly accounted for by the Grand Secretary and deposited to the credit of the Grand Treasurer. I have checked and verified the statements of receipts from lodges, and ledger balances, compiled by the Grand Secretary, also receipts on account of the Semi-Centennial Benevolent Fund, which have been regularly deposited in a special account to the credit of the Grand Treasurer.

On 13th June, 1905, in conjunction with the Grand Treasurer and Grand Secretary, I examined the securities belonging to Grand Lodge, in the safety deposit vault of the Toronto General Trusts Company, and found them to agree with the list of Grand Lodge investments, and the unmatured interest coupons properly attached.

The face value of the said securities is as follows :

Grand Lodge, general account	\$110,015 16
Semi-Centennial Fund account.. ..	5,000 00
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	\$115,015 16

Monthly statements of the receipts have been regularly forwarded to the M. W. the Grand Master and to the President of the Board.

Fraternally submitted.

R. L. GUNN, C. A.,
Auditor.

It was moved by R. W. Bro. James H. Burritt, seconded by R. W. Bro. George S. May, and

Resolved, That the report of the Board on Audit and Finance be received.

REPORT OF THE BOARD ON BENEVOLENCE.

R. W. Bro. James H. Burritt, Deputy Grand Master, on behalf of the Board of General Purposes, presented the following report, which was read by R. W. Bro. R. L. Gunn, Chairman of the Committee on Benevolence:

REPORT.

The Board of General Purposes begs to report that since the last Annual Communication of Grand Lodge 15 applications for interim grants were received by the Chairman of the Committee, upon which 12 grants were made amounting to the sum of \$465.00. Three of the applications were investigated and deemed not to be extreme cases of distress requiring immediate relief and were held over for the consideration of the committee at the meeting of Grand Lodge. At the present meeting of Grand Lodge 333 applications have been received and have been dealt with as follows :

163 applications from Local Boards of Relief, of which 155 have been granted, amounting to.. .. \$6,035 00 (and 8 applications have been refused).

170 applications from lodges, of which 165 have been granted, amounting to.. .. 8,025 00 (and five applications have been refused).

Special grants authorized by Grand Lodge :

Mrs. W. M. Wilson.	\$300 00
Mrs. T. D. Harington.. . . .	300 00
Miss Mary Wilson	300 00
Miss M. H. Harris	75 00
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Total amount of grants made at this Annual Communication \$15,035 00

Interim grants made by the Chairman of the Committee and approved by the M. W. the Grand Master during the past year 465 00

\$15,500 00

Special grants made, in commemoration of the Semi-Centennial of Grand Lodge.. .. 7,520 00

Total grants made during the year. \$23,020 00

The grants made by lodges during the year, as shown by the tabulated statements furnished by the District Deputy Grand Masters' reports, amount in the aggregate to \$14,000.00.

The following lodges have not made returns of the disposal made of amounts granted by Grand Lodge last year, and of local aid given, and consequently cheques will not be issued for any grants through those lodges this year until proper returns are received, viz.: Lodges numbered 45, 90, 120, 153, 166, 224, 257, 303, 314, 388 and 462.

In order to give effect to the resolution passed by Grand

Lodge at the last annual meeting, to "increase the sums granted to the general recipients for the year 1905 by one-half," a list of those entitled to such increase was prepared by instructions from the M. W. the Grand Master, upon the lists of grants made in 1904. This list included only the beneficiaries of whom notice of death or marriage had not been received, and amounts to the sum of \$5,910.00. A difference of opinion arose as to whether the cheques should be issued upon the 1904 or the 1905 lists. They have, however, been prepared and signed and are ready for distribution. Your Committee recommends that the cheques should be issued, and that new beneficiaries whose names appear in the lists of grants made at this meeting of Grand Lodge be treated in the same manner in order that no person entitled to the increased grant be deprived of it. This will involve an additional \$1,610.00, which is included in the tabulated statement given above.

Three years having expired since the last general investigation of applications, the Board recommends that all applications should be investigated by the Inspector this year and that the cheques be withheld until a favorable report be received, or cancelled if reported against.

The present Semi-Centennial celebration of Grand Lodge seems to be a fitting occasion upon which to refer to the establishment and progress of the system of benevolence which is now in operation, and to take into consideration the best method of relieving our brethren in distress and the widows and other relatives of deceased brethren in reduced circumstances.

In his address to Grand Lodge in 1860 our late Grand Master, M. W. Bro. Wilson, said in part: "The difficulties which beset the early movements of the Grand Lodge of Canada have all disappeared as morning dews. Its course has been blessed by unexampled prosperity. It is surely time to remember those who are called to suffer, to wipe tears from sorrowing eyes, and to shed the beams of hope on despairing hearts; to raise a monument of our gratitude, and to devote it to God and to distressed brethren. The report of the Committee to which was referred the generous admonition on this subject from St. Andrew's Lodge, Toronto, will, I presume, bring up this matter in some tangible shape for your consideration. Whatever form your benevolent efforts may assume, I am assured that they will be worthy of yourselves, of the circumstances of our history, and of the principles which it is our duty to exemplify. We can teach the outside world to regard Masonry and Benevolence as interchangeable and synonymous terms." The "generous admonition" from St. Andrew's Lodge, Toronto, to which M. W. Bro. Wilson alluded appears to have advocated the establishment of an asylum, for the Committee to which it was referred reported in 1861 as to the probable cost of an asylum, the nature of the building required, the locality and site, the provision of funds, the support, maintenance and management of the institution and the rules for admission of applicants.

Funds for the establishment of the asylum were appropriated by Grand Lodge and subscribed by some of the lodges in sub-

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sequent years, but the scheme was finally abandoned and the funds were in part paid back to the subscribing lodges and the balance transferred to the general funds of Grand Lodge.

In the meantime small sums appear to have been placed at the disposal of the Grand Master for benevolent purposes and were dispensed by him. In 1861 the Committee on the Grand Master's address recommended a Board or Committee on Benevolence, and Grand Master Harington, in his address to Grand Lodge in 1863, referred to the desirability of establishing a "Fund and Committee on Benevolence."

The first record of the appointment or action of the Committee on Benevolence appears in the proceedings for the year 1864, when the Board of General Purposes recommended grants to four applicants for various sums amounting to the aggregate of \$255.00. Since that time the amounts paid out have gradually increased, as the following statement shows, until in the present year the grants recommended amount to \$15,500.00 in addition to the special grants for this Semi-Centennial anniversary amounting to \$7,520.00.

Statement of amounts paid out by the Grand Lodge of Canada for purposes of benevolence from its formation in 1865 to 31st May, 1905, showing the totals for each decade :

1869	.. .. .	\$ 100 00	
1862	.. .. .	30 00	
1863	.. .. .	150 00	
1864	.. .. .	255 00	
1865	.. .. .	401 00	936 00
1866	.. .. .	391 00	
1867	.. .. .	460 00	
1868	.. .. .	910 00	
1869	.. .. .	1,245 00	
1870	.. .. .	2,190 00	
1871	.. .. .	3,481 00	
1872	.. .. .	4,100 00	
1873	.. .. .	4,870 00	
1874	.. .. .	4,640 00	
1875	.. .. .	5,605 00	27,892 00
1876	.. .. .	5,925 48	
1877	.. .. .	6,040 00	
1878	.. .. .	8,250 00	
1879	.. .. .	10,230 00	
1880	.. .. .	7,547 50	
1881	.. .. .	12,403 75	
1882	.. .. .	9,536 82	
1883	.. .. .	10,082 83	
1884	.. .. .	9,825 00	
1885	.. .. .	10,625 00	90,478 33
1886	.. .. .	10,085 00	
1887	.. .. .	10,850 00	
1888	10,665 00	
1889	10,795 00	
1890	9,610 00	
1891	10,206 25	
1892	5,880 00	
1893	8,251 25	

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1894	8,081 25	
1895	9,396 25	93,829 00
1896	8,523 00	
1897	9,205 00	
1898	10,775 00	
1899	9,830 00	
1900	13,150 00	
1901	11,840 00	
1902	11,565 00	
1903	11,880 00	
1904	12,905 00	
1905	13,940 00	113,613 00
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		\$326,739 23

Making a grand total of \$326,739.23 disbursed for the benefit of the destitute and suffering during the first fifty years of the existence of this Grand Lodge.

We should contemplate these figures, not with proud hearts and boastful tongues, but rather in a spirit of great thankfulness to our Heavenly Father for so blessing us and our feeble efforts for good that we are able to exercise the virtue of charity so beautifully impressed upon us in our ceremonies, and to avail ourselves of the great privilege of "extending relief and consolation to our fellow creatures in the hour of their affliction."

The present system seems to have been successful in distributing the available funds of Grand Lodge during the past years so as to do the greatest possible good to the greatest number, it helps to soothe the bed of sickness in some cases, and in others, by making additions to meagre incomes, it adds materially to the comfort of the beneficiaries.

There are, however, very many cases in which much benefit would be judiciously conferred by increasing the grants made and, with the approval of Grand Lodge, it is contemplated to make these increases in the future. For this purpose the Board recommends that the maximum amounts which may be granted to brethren shall be \$150 instead of \$100, and to relatives \$100 instead of \$80, and that the maximum of interim grants which may be made between meetings of Grand Lodge be increased from \$40 to \$50.

The application of the income from the investment of the Semi-Centennial fund will be a material aid in relieving the distress of those most in need of it. It is hoped that at this meeting of Grand Lodge the administration of that fund will be properly organized, so that the object of the scheme will be attended without unnecessary delay.

In conclusion the Committee on Benevolence desires to express the hope and belief that Grand Lodge, in the future, as in the past, will endeavor to carry out the admonitions of its ceremonies and the sublime principles of our Order.

Fraternally submitted.

R. L. GUNN,
Chairman.

Hamilton, July 18th, 1905.

It was moved by R. W. Bro. James H. Burritt, seconded by R. W. Bro. R. L. Gunn, and

Resolved, That the report of the Board on Benevolence be received and adopted.

REPORT OF THE BOARD ON THE CONDITION OF MASONRY.

R. W. Bro. James H. Burritt, Deputy Grand Master, presented the following report, which was read by R. W. Bro. Aubrey White, Chairman of the Committee on the Condition of Masonry:

REPORT.

The Board of General Purposes has had submitted for its perusal and consideration the reports of the District Deputy Grand Masters who have presided over the twenty-two Districts, in which, for purposes of supervision, this Grand Jurisdiction is divided.

The District Deputy Grand Masters have been energetic and active in the discharge of their duties, as only two Lodges on the roll of Grand Lodge have not had a visit from a representative of the Grand Master. The proportion of unvisited Lodges is the smallest in the history of Grand Lodge, and it is a matter of satisfaction that in this, the Semi-Centennial year, the inspection should be so complete as to afford a thorough grasp of the condition of the Craft.

Your Board once again takes occasion to point out the great importance of the office of D. D. G. M., as its occupant ranks next to the Grand Master in the District over which he presides, exercises wide powers, is the channel of communication with the Grand Master on all matters of importance, enforces his authority and spreads abroad his wisdom. These officers are the eyes and ears of the Grand Master throughout the jurisdiction, from their closeness of observation is ascertained the growth, conduct and business position of the Lodges owing allegiance to this Grand Lodge, and it is from the information afforded by these reports that we are able to deduce the condition of Masonry. Having regard to the important functions of these officers, the powers they exercise, and the dignity they reflect, they ought to be carefully selected and held in strict account for the full performance of their duties. The obligations, however, are not all on one side, the Lodges should vie with each other in paying respect to them, should advise and consult with them in all matters of difficulty or importance, and beyond all should carry out their instructions and rulings punctually and to the letter. If in addition of these evidences of discipline and loyalty, hospitality and courtesy is extended to them they can ask no more, but they should receive nothing less.

For fifty years the representatives of the Grand Master have been looking after the interests and reputation of this

Grand Lodge and it speaks volumes for the wisdom and common sense of the army of D.D.G.M.'s who during half a century have ruled and guarded the Craft, that so few mistakes have been made. Marvelous to say, it has been a rare exception for a D. D. G. M.'s ruling to be appealed against, and a still rarer exception for a ruling to have been reversed. The Lodges have respected and obeyed these excellent officers, who have sacrificed their time, their money and their comfort in the interest of their brethren. The duties of these officers, always onerous, have been increased this year by the carrying out of Grand Lodge instructions, that every effort should be made to create a thank offering to Almighty God on this our fiftieth anniversary, by raising a sum of money for the alleviation of pain and the succor of the poor and needy who have claims upon us, right nobly have they labored and, if we have not attained the success expected, they are not to blame. As it has been for the preceding 49 years, so has it been in this the fiftieth year of our existence as a Grand Lodge, no Grand Master has ever had better or more faithful District Deputies than those who have ruled the Districts in this Semi-Centennial year of the Grand Lodge of Canada.

The reports received are very satisfactory reading, disclosing as they do the growth, harmony and material progress of our beloved order. The numerical growth of the Craft, the quality of the material admitted through our portals, the accuracy and perfection of the work, the strong harmonious spirit existing, the observance of the laws, regulations and landmarks, the religious sentiment prevailing, the charity of the Craft, and the financial standing of the Lodges are the basic facts from which can be deduced the condition of Masonry.

As to our numerical growth, it is found that there is now on the roll of Grand Lodge 320 Lodges, 320 of which are warranted and 10 under dispensation. There have been no erasures of Lodges during the year; on the contrary, the Grand Master has issued dispensations to six new Lodges. The number of Masons in good standing at the last meeting of this Grand Lodge was 32,708. There have been initiated this year 2,765, and deducting decreases from all causes the number now in good standing is about 35,000, showing a net gain 2,292 during the Semi-Centennial year.

Your Board, while congratulating Grand Lodge upon the continued hold our noble institution has upon the youth and intelligence of this fair Province, takes occasion to caution the Craft against any laxity in regard to character. In this age when so many societies exist and fraternalism is in the air, the Masonic body, which values quality not quantity, should set its face as flint against anything tending to make Masonry cheap or common. Let the inquiry into character be even more thorough than it has been. Let us not judge a Lodge's usefulness or standing by the crowd of candidates it slips through its doors, but by the character and quality of the Masons it makes.

The work is reported to be on the whole uniform, intelligent and well performed. In 320 Lodges, with 4,000 officers, it is inevitable that there shall be weakness on the part of

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some, but as a matter of fact the continuous improvement in the character of the work done has been one of the marked characteristics of recent years. It is important for many reasons that there shall be no laxity, or falling away in the high standard attained, because the work is what first impresses those who are coming in, who are to be the rulers of the future. At the same time the work is not the end of a Lodge's existence; it is an important means to an end, because it teaches in an intelligent manner the lessons and principles upon which the whole superstructure rests. In this, as in all human affairs, good lessons well taught are what makes for intelligence and reputation. The Board is of opinion that District Deputies should be very general in their references to the character of the work seen by them in the Lodges, and never specify the detail of weakness. This remark is called forth because certain District Deputy Grand Masters have referred to matters with which the general public has no concern and which it should not be informed about. Your Board is pleased to record the fact that the number of Masters reported unable to work all the degrees is decreasing year by year, and with more care on the part of examining boards ought in the near future to disappear.

Prosperity of the brightest kind seems to be universal, and the financial status of the Lodges is a matter for congratulation. Harmony prevails in all the Districts to such an extent as to almost warrant your Board in stating it to be complete. The small differences existing in one or two Districts are trifles, and could be obliterated by the exercise of forbearance and tact. The Board finds that the secretarial and financial duties of the Lodges are in good hands, not a single misappropriation or misapplication of funds being reported. Your Board is again struck by the mass of testimony borne by the D. D. G. M.'s to the accurate work and prompt attention to duty observed by them in Lodges where there is a permanent secretary, particularly if he happens to be a Past Master. Each lodge must be its own judge in the election of these officers, but evidently here, as in all branches, experience counts, and the appointment of a permanent secretary with a small salary gives the best results.

The reports disclose the satisfactory information that another sound business principle is being observed by the Craft inasmuch as the Lodges, almost universally, are placing fire insurance on their properties. This inexpensive precaution against calamitous losses is recommended to the few Lodges still neglecting a plain duty.

The Board once again calls attention to the large number of members in arrears for dues, and the serious amount outstanding. The Board has so frequently directed attention to this matter and pointed out the proper courses to be pursued, which are those of charity and commonsense, that it is hard to understand why the evil is allowed to continue. If a brother is unable to pay, your Board once more gives expression to its opinion that his dues ought to be remitted, instead of being allowed to pile up to his despair and to the discredit of his brethren. If a brother can pay but will not,

then, he is imposing on the generosity of his brethren, is absolutely dishonest and ought to be dealt with as the constitution provides.

District Deputy Grand Masters are again invited to give this matter attention when visiting Lodges.

The Board again regrets that so few Lodges of Instruction have been held. Attention was called to this question last year and the holding of these Lodges in every district was recommended. Last year they were held in seven Districts only; this year they were held in only four or five Districts, a worse showing than that of last year. This ought not to be, the good work now prevailing, is the outcome of the holding of such Lodges. It is to be hoped that next year greater efforts will be made to carry out the expressed opinion of Grand Lodge. The instruction is of great importance, not only so, but the intermingling of the brethren of different Lodges has a pleasant effect, promotes new friendships and cements old ones. There need be no expense to the Lodge under whose warrant the instruction is held, as it is not called upon to entertain.

There are only one or two Lodges classed as weak in the whole jurisdiction, and having regard to the present activity and strength of Lodges classed as weak in past years, the Board does not think any uneasiness need be felt.

The board is pleased to report that in nearly every district Lodges have attended Divine service as Masons. This is to be commended, because in addition to expressing the strong religious character of our institution, we testify our gratitude to God for all His goodness and evidence the broad spirit of religious toleration among us, composed as we are of adherents of different sects.

The Board notes with regret that only in a few instances were lectures or addresses given in Lodges upon matters of interest or importance.

The Board rejoices at the close adherence to their constitutional powers observed by the D. D. G. M.'s. The Board observes that some D. D. G. M.'s have felt called upon to issue dispensations to attend Masonic funerals and have charged a fee therefor. There is no necessity for a dispensation in such a case and no fee should be collected.

The Craft has always enjoyed a high reputation owing to the good conduct of its members, their respect for the law and observance of those principles on which our reputation rests. Apropos of this, the Board last year congratulated Grand Lodge upon the fact that only five of its members had been suspended for un-Masonic conduct. In this jubilee year of Grand Lodge it is pleasing to record that out of over thirty-five thousand Masons only three have been suspended and none expelled.

The Boards has read in the reports of the D. D. G. M.'s the strong efforts they have made to create an interest in and to encourage the members of the Craft to subscribe to the Semi-Centennial Benevolent Fund. The Board regrets that the response, satisfactory in some respects, was not more universal and larger in amount. The committee having this matter in

charge will no doubt place the facts before Grand Lodge and all particulars.

The general Benevolence of this Grand Lodge, and the private Lodges has always been creditable in proportion to our means. We do not profess to be a charitable organization, no member can claim as a matter of right, monetary assistance. Grand Lodge could at the outset have pursued an extravagant course and spent its income on objects not charitable. To its honor and credit, be it said it has exercised economy and used the money saved for the relief of the suffering and distressed, and as it has been in Grand Lodge so has it been in the private Lodges.

In this Semi-Centennial year the Board thinks it proper to record briefly the figures of the benevolence of the Masons of the Grand Lodge of Canada. In the first decade our income was \$37,569 and our benevolence was \$1,687. In the second decade our income was \$109,361 and our benevolence was \$35,192. In the third decade our income was \$155,670 and our benevolence was \$86,771. In the fourth decade our income was \$184,427 and our benevolence was \$94,432. In the fifth decade just closed, our income was \$248,000, and our benevolence was \$114,163. So that in our fifty years we have received \$730,111, \$326,000 of which we have expended in benevolence, and we have \$116,000 cash on hand.

In addition the Private Lodges have contributed \$25,000 to charities of various kinds, and a sum of about \$20,000 to the Sick Children's hospital. Most satisfactory of all, we find our benevolence this year from Grand Lodge is \$14,000, and from private Lodges in all \$4,250, an amount in all of \$18,252. This does not include Semi-Centennial subscriptions. These grants must be considered satisfactory, especially when it is remembered we are now trying to extend the good work by raising \$100,000 so that we may increase our assistance to those who are in sorrow and sickness. Though we do not claim to exist for the dispensing of charity it cannot be said of us that we have seen our brother in want and have shut up our bowels of compassion. As it has been in the past, so let it continue in the future more abundantly, that it may be seen that the loved God does dwell in us. We have about finished the first fifty years of our record. Metaphorically speaking, the sun is setting on this long day of our existence, the west is full of gorgeous colors for it has been, taking it all in all, a beautiful Masonic day. It has been bright with charity and brotherly love. The sunshine of association has ripened the fields with a crop of friendship that has made life better worth the living. The gentle dew of charity has fallen on the peace beneath. The soft breezes of sympathy have brought consolation to some who were scorched by the siroccos of calamity and misfortune. It is true we have not accomplished all we hoped for and desired, but under the providence of God's goodness we have not diminished the reputation of our world wide institution by selfishness or neglect, but according to our lights and to the extent of our means we have been our brother's keeper.

Fraternally submitted.

AUBREY WHITE,
Chairman.

It was moved by R. W. Bro. James H. Burritt, seconded by R. W. Bro. Aubrey White, and

Resolved, That the report of the Board on the Condition of Masonry be received and adopted.

REPORT OF THE BOARD ON JURISPRUDENCE.

R. W. Bro. James H. Burritt, Deputy Grand Master, presented the following report, which was read by R. W. Bro. James C. Hegler, Chairman of the Committee on Jurisprudence:

REPORT.

In the matter of Lebannon Lodge, No. 133,
A. F. & A. M.

The Board of General Purposes beg leave to report that it appears that this lodge has violated the Constitution by conferring the third degree upon Bro. Henry John Stephens within the time prescribed by the Constitution without having procured a dispensation therefor. Believing that this was done through an oversight, the Board recommend that the Worshipful Master be censured for permitting the violation of the Constitution and that a certificate be issued to Bro. Stephens.

J. C. HEGLER,
Chairman.

It was moved by R. W. Bro. James H. Burritt, seconded by R. W. Bro. James C. Hegler, and

Resolved, That the report of the Board of Jurisprudence be received and adopted.

REPORT OF THE BOARD OF GENERAL PURPOSES ON THE SEMI-CENTENNIAL CELEBRATION OF GRAND LODGE.

R. W. Bro. James H. Burritt, Deputy Grand Master, presented the following report, which was read by M. W. Bro. William Gibson, Chairman of the Special Committee appointed by the M. W. the Grand Master:

REPORT.

Your Committee appointed by the M. W. the Grand Master, in connection with the celebration of the fiftieth anniversary of this Grand Lodge, beg to submit the following report:

The Committee met in the Queen's Hotel, Toronto, and decided that instead of issuing a memorial volume, a full report of the Semi-Centennial celebration should be printed in the annual proceedings, and that a stenographer should be engaged for that purpose.

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It was also decided that short historical addresses should be delivered on the first day of the meeting of Grand Lodge, and that M. W. Bros. A. A. Stevenson and J. Ross Robertson be requested to deliver the said addresses.

It was further agreed that the Grand Masters of the Grand Lodges of England, Ireland and Scotland, the Grand Masters of all the Canadian Grand Lodges, as also the Grand Masters of the Grand Lodges of Michigan, Ohio, Maine, New York and Vermont should be invited to be present at the celebration, and that the hotel bills of the above named guests be paid while in Hamilton.

It was also recommended that the Grand Master and the officers of Grand Lodge give a reception to the members of Grand Lodge, the brethren and their ladies, in the Drill Hall on Wednesday evening, 19th inst.

Your Committee decided that a medal should be struck by Lodge in commemoration of the Semi-Centennial year, it being distinctly understood that only those duly accredited and registered in Grand Lodge should receive them, and that the guests of Grand Lodge be given a medal by the Grand Secretary.

All expenses in connection with aforesaid recommendations be paid by Grand Lodge.

All of which is fraternally submitted.

WM. GIBSON,
Chairman.

It was moved by R. W. Bro. James H. Burritt, seconded by M. W. Bro. William Gibson, and

Resolved, That the report on the Semi-Centennial Celebration of Grand Lodge be received and adopted.

REPORT OF THE BOARD OF GENERAL PURPOSES ON THE SEMI-CENTENNIAL BENEVOLENT FUND.

R. W. Bro. James H. Burritt, Deputy Grand Master, presented the following report, which was read by M. W. Bro. Hugh Murray:

REPORT.

The Committee appointed by the Grand Master to carry out the unanimously expressed desire of Grand Lodge that a fund to be denominated "The Semi-Centennial Benevolent Fund," should be raised by the Craft to commemorate the fiftieth anniversary of Grand Lodge, begs leave to report as follows:

The first meeting was held in the city of Toronto for purposes of organization, at which meeting M. W. Bro. Harding was elected chairman and M. W. Bro. Hugh Murray secretary.

After a full discussion it was determined to divide the territory into convenient sections and to place the work in charge of active and prominent members of the Craft in each such section, the intention being that the brother in charge of each section should have a general supervision upon the D. D. G. M's and the lodges, thus taking active and immediate steps to collect the largest sum possible. Then each D. D. G. M. was required to take charge of the work in his district, and urge upon each lodge, as he visited it, the carrying out of the desire of Grand Lodge. Then circulars were drafted and distributed to the D. D. G. M's, explaining the objects for which the fund was being raised, so that he might be informed in detail and be armed with full information for those applying to him. Each D. D. G. M. was required to strike a committee of active brethren to press the matter upon their lodges. Subsequently circulars were printed and distributed to the members of each lodge, pointing out that the desire was to mark the Semi-Centennial by some great charitable act, which should be pleasing to Almighty God and redound to the credit of the Craft. Having thus prepared the way, the work was entered upon. Interim reports were required from D. D. G. M's as to the progress of this work and what further steps could be taken to bring the matter to a successful conclusion. As Grand Lodge is aware, the aim was to raise the sum of \$100,000 in a period of three years by voluntary subscription. The results of the first year are now ascertained, from which it is found that there is now on hand the sum of \$21,361.00, which is only \$8,639.00 short of what the committee had hoped to collect in the first year. While the response has not been equal to our expectations, it is satisfactory, because a great deal of educational work has to be done in carrying out such a scheme, everyone desiring full details before subscribing to a fund of this character. One very satisfactory thing is that so many lodges have taken the matter to heart and subscribed according to their means. Your committee feels sure that Grand Lodge will desire that this good work shall be continued.

The names of the subscribers in each district, together with the amounts subscribed by them, will be published in the report of the annual communication of the present year.

In asking to be discharged, in order that the incoming Grand Master may be in a position to select more able and energetic brethren, your committee begs leave to assure Grand Lodge that their hearts have been in this work, and they are ready to aid and support any new committee appointed by the Grand Master to carry forward this noble work.

All of which is respectfully submitted.

HUGH MURRAY,	J. E. HARDING,
Secretary.	Chairman.

It was moved by R. W. Bro. James H. Burritt, seconded by M. W. Bro. Hugh Murray, and

Resolved, That the report as read be adopted.

RECEIPTS ON ACCOUNT OF THE SEMI-CENTENNIAL FUND.

R. W. Bro. James H. Burritt, Deputy Grand Master, presented the following report of the Grand Secretary on the Semi-Centennial Benevolent Fund:

REPORT.

No.	Name of Lodge	P. O. Address.	Amount
2	Niagara	Niagara	\$20 00
3	Ancient St. John's. .. .	Kingston	215 00
5	Sussex	Brockville. .. .	192 50
6	Barton	Hamilton.. .. .	420 00
9	Union.. .. .	Napanee	27 50
11	Molra.. .. .	Belleville.. .. .	11 12
14	True Britons	Perth	10 00
15	St. George's.	St. Catharines	20 00
17	St. John's.	Cobourg	6 00
18	King Edward	Picton.. .. .	126 00
20	St. John's	London.	25 00
21a	St. John's.. .. .	Vankleek Hill	50 00
22	King Solomon's.	Toronto	185 50
23	Richmond	Richmond Hill	41 75
24	St. Francis	Smith's Falls	155 00
25	Ionie.. .. .	Toronto	1136 59
26	Ontario	Port Hope.	76 50
27	Strict Observance.. .. .	Hamilton.. .. .	401 00
30	Composite	Whitby.	50 00
31	Jerusalem	Bowmanville.	207 00
32	Amity.	Dunnville	20 00
33	Maitland.	Goderich	82 14
34	Thistle	Amherstburg.	1 00
35	St. John's.	Cayuga.	40 00
38	Trent.. .. .	Trenton	63 00
39	Mount Zion.. .. .	Brooklin	12 00
40	St. John's	Hamilton.. .. .	2 00
41	St. George's.. .. .	Kingsville.	29 00
42	St. George's.. .. .	London	46 50
44	St. Thomas.. .. .	St. Thomas	152 00
47	Great Western.. .. .	Windsor	2 00
52	Dalhousie	Ottawa.	156 00
54	Vaughan.	Maple	21 00
56	Victoria.. .. .	Sarnia.. .. .	185 50
57	Harmony.	Binbrook.. .. .	23 00
58	Doric.. .. .	Ottawa.	345 00
61	Acacia.	Hamilton.. .. .	300 00
62	St. Andrew's	Caledonia.	24 00
63	St. John's	Carleton Place	236 00
64	Kilwinning.. .. .	London.	44 00
65	Rehoboam	Toronto	14 00
66	Durham.. .. .	Newcastle.	19 00
68	St. John's	Ingersoll.. .. .	9 00
69	Stirling	Stirling	10 00
74	St. James	Bethel	53 00

No.	Name of Lodge.	P.O. Address.	Amount
75	St. John's	Toronto	51 00
76	Oxford	Woodstock	12 00
77	Faithful Brethren.. .. .	Lindsay	234 00
82	St. John's	Paris	32 00
83	Beaver	Strathroy.. .. .	75 00
86	Wilson	Toronto	220 00
87	Markham Union	Markham.. .. .	57 00
88	St. George's.. .. .	Owen Sound.. .. .	36 00
91	Colborne.. .. .	Colborne	100 00
92	Cataraqui	Kingston.. .. .	163 00
93	Northern Light.	Kincardine.	162 00
94	St. Mark's	Port Stanley.. .. .	22 00
96	Corinthian	Barrie.. .. .	152 00
97	Sharon.. .. .	Sharon.. .. .	58 00
100	Valley	Dundas.	114 50
101	Corinthian	Peterborough.	210 00
103	Maple Leaf.. .. .	St. Catharines	20 00
104	St. John's	Norwich	77 00
108	Blenheim.	Princeton.. .. .	28 00
109	Albion	Harrowamith.	44 00
110	Central	Prescott	147 00
113	Wilson	Waterford.	177 00
114	Hope.. .. .	Port Hope.. .. .	81 00
115	Ivy.	Beamsville	57 75
116	Cassia.	Thedford	10 00
118	Union.	Schomberg	15 00
119	Maple Leaf.. .. .	Bath.	74 00
120	Warren	Fingal	13 00
122	Renfrew.. .. .	Renfrew	133 00
125	Cornwall.. .. .	Cornwall	89 00
127	Franck	Frankford.	52 00
128	Pembroke	Pembroke.. .. .	262 00
131	St. Lawrence	Southampton.	26 00
133	Lebanon Forest.	Exeter.. .. .	70 00
136	Richardson.. .. .	Stouffville.	15 00
137	Pythagoras.. .. .	Meaford	21 00
139	Lebanon.. .. .	Oshawa	94 00
140	Malahide.	Aylmer	138 00
141	Tudor.	Mitchell	45 00
146	Prince of Wales	Newburgh.. .. .	3 00
147	Mississippi.. .. .	Almonte	11 00
148	Civil Service	Ottawa.	178 00
149	Erie	Port Dover	17 00
151	Grand River.	Berlin	60 00
155	Peterborough	Peterborough.	277 00
156	York.. .. .	North Toronto	119 00
157	Simpson.. .. .	Newboro	12 00
158	Alexandra	Oil Springs	42 50
159	Goodwood	Richmond.	51 00
164	Star in the East	Wellington	26 00
165	Burlington	Burlington	86 00
166	Wentworth.. .. .	Stoney Creek.	15 00
168	Merritt	Welland	68 00
169	Macnab	Port Colborne	174 00
170	Britannia.	Seaforth	15 00

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No.	Name of Lodge.	P.O. Address.	Amount
173	Ayr	Ayr.. .. .	14 00
177	The Builders	Ottawa	115 00
180	Speed.. .. .	Guelph.	57 00
192	Orillia.	Orillia	130 00
193	Scotland.	Scotland	14 00
195	Tuscan	London.	45 00
197	Saugeen.. .. .	Walkerton.	64 00
200	St. Albans	Mount Forest	21 00
201	Leeds.. .. .	Gananoque	174 00
203	Irvine.	Elora	21 00
209a	St. John's.. .. .	London.	167 00
212	Elysian.. .. .	Garden Island	16 00
216	Harris.	Orangeville	135 00
217	Frederick.	Delhi	1 00
218	Stevenson.	Toronto	77 00
219	Credit.	Georgetown	76 00
222	Marmora.. .. .	Marmora	50 00
223	Norwood.. .. .	Norwood	117 00
228	Prince Arthur.. .. .	Odessa.	39 00
230	Kerr	Barrie	21 00
231	Lodge of Fidelity.. .. .	Ottawa.	197 00
234	Beaver	Clarksburg	52 00
237	Vienna	Vienna.	50 00
245	Tecumseh	Thamesville	10 00
247	Ashlar.	Toronto.	800 00
249	Caledonian.. .. .	Midland	121 50
253	Minden	Kingston	85 00
254	Clifton.	Niagara Falls	22 70
255	Sydenham	Dresden	10 00
256	Farran's Point.. .. .	Aultville	14 00
257	Galt	Galt.	55 00
258	Guelph	Guelph.	86 00
259	Springfield	Springfield	60 00
261	Oak Branch.	Innerkip	14 00
262	Harriston	Harriston.	17 00
263	Forest	Forest.. .. .	61 00
264	Chaudiere	Ottawa.. .. .	104 00
265	Patterson.	Thornhill	25 00
271	Wellington	Erin.	21 00
274	Kent	Blenheim.. .. .	1 00
276	Teeswater	Teeswater.	7 00
277	Seymour.. .. .	Port Dalhousie.. .. .	15 00
279	New Hope	Hespeler	39 00
283	Eureka	Belleville	3 00
286	Wingham.	Wingham.. .. .	156 00
285	Seven Star	Alliston	46 00
290	Leamington.. .. .	Leamington	64 85
291	Dufferin.. .. .	West Flamboro.. .. .	20 00
292	Robertson	King	10 00
294	Moore.. .. .	Courtright	28 00
295	Conestogo	Drayton	35 00
296	Temple	St. Catharines	4 00
297	Preston	Preston	72 00
304	Minerva	Stroud.. .. .	39 00
305	Humber.. .. .	Weston.	1 00

GRAND LODGE OF CANADA.

No.	No. of Lodge.	P.O. Address.	Amount
306	Durham	Durham	44 00
312	Pnyx	Willaceburg	61 00
313	Clementi.	Lakefield	52 00
314	Blair	Palmerston	31 00
318	Wilmot	Baden	26 00
320	Chesterville.. . . .	Chesterville	32 00
323	Alvinston.	Alvinston.	44 00
324	Temple	Hamilton	6 00
325	Orono.	Orono	99 00
326	Zetland	Toronto	1200 00
329	King Solomon's	Jarvis	10 00
330	Corinthian	London.	71 00
331	Fordwich.	Fordwich.. . . .	28 00
332	Stratford.	Stratford.. . . .	82 00
333	Prince Arthur.. . . .	Flesherton	108 00
334	Prince Arthur.. . . .	Arthur.. . . .	19 00
336	Highgate.. . . .	Highgate	1 00
338	Dufferin	Wellandport	7 00
343	Georgina.	Toronto	202 85
344	Merrill	Dorchester	34 00
345	Nilestown	Nilestown.	14 00
346	Occident.. . . .	Toronto	108 05
347	Mercer	Fergus.. . . .	26 00
348	Georgian.. . . .	Penetanguishene.	80 00
352	Granite	Parry Sound.. . . .	101 00
357	Waterdown.. . . .	Millgrove.. . . .	23 00
359	Vittoria	Vittoria.	30 00
361	Waverley.	Guelph.. . . .	200 00
362	Maple Leaf	Tara.	26 00
364	Dufferin.. . . .	Melbourne.	12 00
367	St. George	Toronto	155 00
368	Salem.	Brookville.	35 00
371	Prince of Wales	Ottawa.	63 00
372	Palmer	Bridgeburg	102 00
373	Copetstone	Welland	73 00
374	Keene.. . . .	Keene	26 00
376	Unity.. . . .	Huntsville.	34 00
378	King Solomon's.	London West.	29 00
380	Union.. . . .	London.	46 00
382	Doric.. . . .	Hamilton	335 50
384	Alpha.. . . .	Toronto.	115 60
385	Spry	Beeton.	32 00
386	McColl	West Lorne	2 00
387	Lansdowne.. . . .	Lansdowne	14 00
389	Crystal Fountain.. . . .	N. Augusta	51 00
392	Huron.	Camlachie.	20 00
393	Forest.	Chesley	35 00
395	Parvaism.. . . .	Comber.	9 00
396	Cedar.. . . .	Wlarton	128 00
398	Victoria.. . . .	Kirkfield	30 00
400	Oakville.. . . .	Oakville	129 00
401	Craig.	Deseronto.. . . .	12 00
402	Central	Essex	1 00
404	Lorne	Tamworth.	93 00
405	Mattawa.	Mattawa	78 00

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No.	Name of Lodge.	P.O. Address.	Amount
406	Spry	Fenelon Falls. .. .	54 00
408	Murray	Beaverton. .. .	23 00
409	Golden Rule. .. .	Campbellford. .. .	32 00
410	Zeta	Toronto	101 20
412	Keystone. .. .	Sault Ste. Marie. .. .	179 00
413	Naphtali. .. .	Tilbury. .. .	1 00
414	Pequonga .. .	Kenora. .. .	30 00
415	Fort William .. .	Fort William. .. .	53 00
417	Keewatin. .. .	Keewatin. .. .	42 00
420	Nipissing. .. .	North Bay. .. .	103 00
421	Scott. .. .	Grand Valley. .. .	135 00
423	Strong .. .	Sundridge. .. .	39 00
427	Nickel. .. .	Sudbury .. .	227 00
429	Port Elgin .. .	Port Elgin. .. .	26 00
430	Acacia. .. .	East Toronto. .. .	52 25
432	Hanover. .. .	Hanover .. .	56 00
433	Bonnechere. .. .	Eganville. .. .	81 00
434	Algonquin .. .	Emmendale .. .	17 00
437	Tuscan .. .	Sarnia. .. .	47 00
440	Arcadia .. .	Minden. .. .	84 50
441	Westport. .. .	Westport .. .	20 00
443	Powassan. .. .	Powassan. .. .	26 00
446	Granite .. .	Fort Frances. .. .	180 25
447	Sturgeon Falls. .. .	Sturgeon Falls .. .	17 00
448	Xenophon .. .	Wheatley .. .	9 00
449	Dundalk. .. .	Dundalk .. .	33 00
450	Hawkesbury. .. .	Hawkesbury. .. .	18 00
451	Somerville .. .	Kinmount. .. .	56 00
452	Avonmore .. .	Avonmore. .. .	20 00
454	Corona .. .	Burk's Falls. .. .	11 00
453	Royal. .. .	Fort William. .. .	98 00
455	Doric. .. .	Little Current .. .	134 00
456	Elma. .. .	Monkton .. .	41 00
458	Wales. .. .	Wales .. .	138 00
459	Cobden .. .	Cobden. .. .	26 00
460	Rideau. .. .	Seeley's Bay .. .	20 00
461	Ionic .. .	Rainy River .. .	50 00
462	Temiscaming .. .	New Liskeard .. .	4 00
463	North Entrance .. .	Halliburton .. .	38 00
464	King Edward .. .	Sunderland .. .	17 00
465	Carleton. .. .	Carp. .. .	25 00
466	Coronation .. .	Elmvale .. .	19 00
U.D.	Tottenham. .. .	Tottenham. .. .	15 00
U.D.	King Edward VII. .. .	Chippewa. .. .	23 00
	Interest .. .		285 89
	Dividends .. .		7 00
	Individual subscriptions .. .		32 50

Fraternally submitted. \$20,848 99

HUGH MURRAY,
Grand Secretary.

Certified and found correct.

GEO. S. MAY,
Chairman Audit and Finance

July 17, 1905.

GRAND LODGE OF CANADA.

The following additional subscriptions have been received up to the date of the meeting of Grand Lodge :

No.	Name of Lodge.	P.O. Address.	Amount
7	Union.	Grimsby	22 00
23	Richmond	Richmond Hill	4 00
35	St. John's.	Cayuga.	20 00
55	Merrickville.	Merrickville.	40 00
77	Faithful Brethren.	Lindsay	65 00
120	Warren	Fingal	9 00
121	Doric.	Brantford.	178 50
145	J. B. Hall	Millbrook.	48 00
161	Percy.	Warkworth	20 00
174	Walsingham.	Port Rowan	22 00
205	New Dominion.	New Hamburg	31 00
261	Oak Branch.	Innerkip	16 00
314	Blair.	Palmerston	20 00
316	Doric.	Toronto	85 00
388	McColl	West Lorne	16 25
406	Spry	Fenelon Falls.	45 00
408	Murray	Beaverton.	21 00
414	Pequonga	Kenora.	16 90
417	Keewatin.	Keewatin Mills.	18 00
459	Cobden	Cobden.	30 00
468	Peel	Caledon East	8 50

Personal subscription from our Representative near the Grand Lodge of Scotland, James Grierson, Esq. (2£). 9 73

Added to these cash subscriptions is a gift from W. A. Robinson, Esq., of the City of Hamilton, of 5 paid-up shares of the Masonic Hall Association, value 100 00

\$21,495 87

Fraternally submitted.

HUGH MURRAY,
Grand Secretary.

It was moved by R. W. Bro. James H. Burritt, seconded by M. W. Bro. Hugh Murray, and

Resolved that the report of the Grand Secretary on the Semi-Centennial Benevolent Fund be received.

R. W. Bro. James H. Burritt, Deputy Grand Master, presented the following report of the Grand Treasurer on the Semi-Centennial Benevolent Fund:

REPORT.

The Annual Communication of Grand Lodge, 20th July, 1905. To the Most Worshipful the Grand Master, Officers and Members of the Grand Lodge of A. F. & A. M. of Canada, in the Province of Ontario :

I herewith submit a statement of receipts on account of the

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Semi-Centennial Benevolent Fund for the year ending 15th day of July, 1905 :

The balance at the credit of the account		
account in the Canadian Bank of Com-		
merce on the 31st day of May, 1904, was	\$2,420 11	
Together with bank interest thereon.. ..	18 56	
		\$2,438 67
From the Grand Secretary, collection from 31st May,		
1904, to and inclusive of 15th July, 1905.. .. .	18,104 23	
Interest on investments and bank interest	263 10	
Less accrued interest on purchase		
of debentures, City of Toronto..	\$84 47	
City of Woodstock,	54 65	
		139 12
		133 98
Discount on City of Toronto Debenture,		
\$5,000 paid for \$4,830.50.	169 50	
		293 48
Deduct premium on purchase of City of		
Woodstock $4\frac{1}{2}$ per cent. debenture,		
\$4,000 paid for \$4,240.	240 00	
		53 48
		<u>\$20,596 87</u>

Balance Sheet, July 15, 1905.

City of Toronto debenture to pay 4 per cent... ..	\$5,000 00
City of Woodstock debenture to pay 4.05 per cent..	4,000 00
Balance in Canadian Bank of Commerce on 15th July,	
1905.. .. .	11,596 87
	<u>\$20,596 87</u>

All of which is respectfully submitted.

E. T. MALONE,

July 15th, 1905.

Grand Treasurer.

It was moved by R. W. Bro. James H. Burritt, sec-
onded by M. W. Bro. E. T. Malone, and

Resolved, That the report of the Grand Treasurer on the
Semi-Centennial Benevolent Fund be received.

REPORT OF THE BOARD OF GENERAL PUR- POSES ON THE GRAND SECRETARY'S OFFICES.

R. W. Bro. James H. Burritt, Deputy Grand Master,
presented the following report, which was read by R. W.
Bro. D. F. Macwatt, Chairman of the Special Committee:

REPORT.

The Board, through its special committee, in the matter of new offices for the Grand Secretary begs to report :

1. That new offices for the Grand Secretary and Grand Master have been secured from The Hamilton Masonic Hall Association, on Gore street, near the corner of James street ; that the offices are on the ground floor and very suitable, with large dry cellar underneath, which can be used for storing papers, documents, and the records of Grand Lodge. The lease is for a period of five years, dated 1st January, 1905, at a rental of \$460.00 per annum, with the right to renew for a further period of five years at the same rental. As the building was not ready for occupation until the 1st of April the rent began on that date. On reference to the report of the sub-committee presented to Grand Lodge last year, the rent was to be \$250.00 per annum, in addition to 7 per cent. on the expenditure for improvements. These actually amounted to \$3,400, but the association charges the per centage on \$3,000, which makes up the \$460.00.

2. The rooms have been furnished in a suitable manner and are now a credit to Grand Lodge. The estimate for this purpose was \$2,000, of which sum \$1,704.40 have been expended, and, with the necessary furnishings still to be provided, will not exceed the estimate.

3. It is recommended that the sub-committee be continued for another year until the furnishings be completed

D. F. MACWATT,
Chairman.

It was moved by R. W. Bro. James H. Burritt, seconded by R. W. Bro. D. F. Macwatt, and

Resolved, That the report as read be adopted.

REPORT OF THE BOARD OF GENERAL PURPOSES ON FOREIGN CORRESPONDENCE.

R. W. Bro. James H. Burritt presented the report on Foreign Correspondence.

It was moved by R. W. Bro. James H. Burritt, seconded by M. W. Bro. Henry Robertson, and

Resolved, That the report on Foreign Correspondence be received and printed as an appendix to proceedings of 1906.

REPORT OF THE BOARD OF GENERAL PURPOSES ON THE FRATERNAL DEAD.

R. W. Bro. James H. Burritt, Deputy Grand Master, on behalf of the Board of General Purposes, presented the following

REPORT.

The Board of General Purposes through the Committee on "The Fraternal Dead," beg to report as follows :

They are sorry to note that many of the Secretaries of Subordinate Lodges have failed to report to the D.D.G.M.'s the deaths occurring in their respective districts, and that in consequence the R.W. Brethren have been unable to give the names of deceased brethren to your Committee for enrollment in this report. Your Committee feel deep regret that therefore they are not able to pay to these brethren even the poor tribute of assuring their friends that we are not unmindful of long and often valuable services rendered to the craft.

M.W. Bro. Kivas Tully, Honorary P.G.M., a member of Wilson Lodge, No. 86, Toronto, of which lodge he was W. M. for the years 1857, 1858 and 1859, whose long service, no less than his great ability and modesty, endeared him to the whole craft.

Seven R.W. Brethren have been lost to the roll of Grand Lodge, which will miss their genial presence and earnest work for the good of masonry.

R.W. Bro. John Kerr, P.D.D.G.M., of Frontenac District, a member of Ancient St. John's Lodge, No. 3, Kingston.

R.W. Bro. Oliver Bascom, P.D.D.G.M., St. Lawrence District, a member of Mount Zion Lodge, No. 28, Kempville.

R.W. Bro. John Simpson, P.G.J.W., a member of King Solomon Lodge, No. 378, London.

R.W. Bro. A. A. S. Ardagh, P.G.S.W., a member of Doric Lodge, No. 316, Toronto.

R.W. Bro. A. G. McWhinney, P.G.S.W., a member of Tuscan Lodge, No. 165, London.

R.W. Bro. Geo. C. Patterson, Hon. P.G. Registrar, a member of Wilson Lodge, No. 86, his mother lodge, also a member of Zetland, Rehoboam and Harmony Lodges, Toronto.

R.W. Bro. Thos. Ridout, P.D.D.G.M. of Ontario District, a member of St. Andrew's Lodge, No. 16, Toronto.

R.W. Bro. A. E. Harvey, P.D.D.G.M. of St. Clair District, a member of Burns' Lodge No. 53.

R.W. Bro. Hon. Jas. Sutherland, P.G.S.W., a member of Oxford Lodge, No. 76, Woodstock.

V.W. Bro. A. B. Cordingly, G. Standard Bearer, of Georgina Lodge, No. 343, Toronto.

V.W. Bro. E. F. Clarke, P.G.S.D., of Rehoboam Lodge, No. 65, Toronto.

V.W. Bro. George Middleditch, P.G. Steward. Howard Lodge, No. 391, Ridgeway.

V.W. Bro. W. W. Brand, Amity Lodge, No. 23, Dunnville.

V.W. Bro. W. G. S. Reynolds, Dalhousie Lodge, No. 52, Ottawa.

V.W. Bro. W. A. Chamberlain, Plantagenet Lodge, No. 186, Plantagenet.

The roll too of members of Grand Lodge is sadly large, comprising such good and true Masons as :

W. Bro. J. G. Robinson, of Ionic Lodge, No. 25, of Toronto.

" Geo. H. Wright, Sharon Lodge, No. 97, Sharon.

" Jas. McCloskey, Rising Sun Lodge, No. 129, Aurora.

" W. J. Cameron, Doric Lodge, No. 316, Toronto.

" D. J. Kelly, Orient Lodge, No. 339, Toronto.

" Hugh Wilson, Brock Lodge, No. 354.

- W. Bro. J. G. McIntyre, Tecumseh Lodge, No. 144, Stratford.
 " J. McK. Stewart, Northern Light, No. 93, Kincardine.
 " W. A. Ferguson, Frodenett, No. 217, Delhi.
 " Dr. Daird Thompson, St. Johns, Cayuga.
 " Jno. A. Marquis, Maple Leaf, No. 103, St. Catharines.
 " Geo. Collins, St. Marks, No. 105, Niagara Falls, S.
 " W. H. Ball, Myrtle, No. 337, Port Robinson.
 " D. H. Watt, Rehoboth, No. 65, Toronto.
 " Robert Shillson, Mississippi, No. 147, Almonte.
 " David Scott.
 " George Richman, Madawaska, No. 196, Arnprior.
 " Andrew Miscampbell, Kerr, No. 230, Barrie.
 " Jas. Walker Quinlan, Ontario, No. 26.
 " Major Villers Sankey, Ionic Lodge No. 25, Toronto.
 " Jas. F. McClure, Barton Lodge No. 6, Hamilton.
 " Dr. David Thompson, St. John's Lodge No. 35, Cayuga.
 " John A. Gillies, McColl Lodge No. 386, West Lorne.
 " Hugh Ruthven, St. George Lodge No. 41, Kingsville.
 " J. C. Campbell, Lorne Lodge No. 282, Glencoe.
 " Jas. C. Guillet, Windsor Lodge No. 403, Windsor.
 " W. Bro. John Duck, Howard Lodge No. 391, Ridgetown.
 " Robt. Riddell, Wellington Lodge No. 46, Chatham.
 " John R. Parke, Thistle Lodge No. 31, Amherstburg.
 " Charles Brown, Rodney Lodge No. 411, Rodney.
 " H. W. Moekler, Durham Lodge No. 306, Durham.
 " John D. Watson, Scott Lodge No. 421, Grand Valley.
 " J. R. Hea, Scott Lodge No. 421, Grand Valley.

Sister Grand Lodges have suffered from the loss of these distinguished brethren:

- M. W. Bro. Almon R. Dewey, P. G. M. of the G. L., of Iowa.
 " " Ozro Meacham, " " " of Vermont.
 " " Oliver Libbey, " " " of Wisconsin.
 " " Albert Wells Coe, " " " of S. Dakota.
 " " Trenmor Coffin, " " " of Nevada.
 " " Geo. S. Green, " " " of Kansas.
 " " Arnel Kiester, " " " of Minnesota.
 " " Jas. B. Anthony, " " " of New York.
 " " Emmons Elij. Chapin " " " of Wisconsin.

And coming nearer home M. W. Bro. Rev. David Christmas Moore, P. G. M. of the G. L., of Nova Scotia.

To the relatives and friends of the deceased brethren we offer this expression of our hearty sympathy, and pray that to them the comforting thought may be ever present that they can look backward to the useful lives which their lost ones have led, and forward to a blessed re-union in a land where parting and sorrow have no place.

" The silver cord is loosed—
 The wheel of life and golden bowl are broken,
 The sunny days return no more ;
 There comes through every avenue the token
 That death is knocking at the door."

And we are sadly reminded of his inexorable summons now that another roll-call is here with us, another meeting fraught with mingled pleasure and pain, where the roses of the banquet to the living are twined with the cypress of the mourner for the dead, a time

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when the smile and the unshed tear are very close, and when the happiness of the friendly meeting is saddened by the remembrance of those whom we shall see no more this side the grave.

The great leveler has indeed, as ever, been impartial in his choice of victims; the young man rejoicing in the days of his youth, the brother grown to the full stature of a stalwart and perfect manhood, and the aged man have impartially been called, and have, perforce, obeyed the summons. Yet, the returns show that a greater number of old masons than usual, old alike and in the service of the craft, have been summoned to give an account of their stewardship, to carry their finished life-work to be tried by God's unerring standard of right and wrong.

But if Death has selected his victims from every age, he has been cruelly busy among those to whom the ever lengthening shadows from the west speak eloquently of the closing day of human life and the twilight of the grave. He has

"Reaped the bearded grain at a breath."

Golden and brown for the harvest, it has been gathered; the mellow, ripened fruit has been plucked; and it has been, chiefly, the leaves which have filled out their allotted time of service and have grown sere and yellow that have been loosened from their parent stems and have dropped silently to mingle once more with mother earth whence first they sprang.

Then, too, this celebration of our semi-centennial of Freemasonry must call up recollections of the many eminent Masons who worked zealously and well during the long summer of their manhood, and at the last laid down alike their honours and their burdens in order to pass through the gate of death to the happy home that lies beyond for those who are numbered among the faithful and obedient of our race.

And indeed a glance round the members of Grand Lodge, particularly in the Grand East, will show us how many there are to whom this "happy recurrence of these auspicious solemnities" can come but a few times more ere they too are

"But as shadows on this earth,
And their memory a dream."

These things naturally suggest a few thoughts on the old Mason, with the lesson of encouragement or warning which his life and death should ever teach. Masonry should be, and indeed—if it fail not utterly in its end and intention—MUST ever be equally an incentive and an aid to a better life. It is not, it CANNOT BE, a substitute for religion, it makes no such preposterous claim, but it does assist to higher ideals of life. It makes for a purer body, a wider outlook, a clearer mind, a loftier purpose, a truer manhood, a more unselfish life, and, therefore, a nobler and a happier death. If it does not help to these things, it is a mere sham, a sounding brass, a tinkling cymbal, and can but increase the punishment of him who must give account even of this talent which he has buried under the mean and sordid earth of his selfish ends and his dishonored life.

From such a picture, infinitely saddening, we can turn with pleasure to consider him who has "lived well his life" and now has entered into the pure refreshment and the eternal rest of his Father's home.

To such an one the period of old age has ample compensations. This generation is wrong at least in one thing. If old age has its

weakness, it has, too, its own glories and its peculiar strength. How slight a thing, comparatively, it is to the faithful and true old Mason, that the almond tree for him should flourish and bloom snow-white, that the grasshopper should be a burden, and that even his every desire should fail.

What reckes he if one by one his bodily senses are dulled and finally lost. If the Keepers of his house shall tremble, his trust stands firm; if his strong men bow themselves, his unconquerable soul stands erect and closer to God, its source, in the purer atmosphere of the better life so near; if those that look out of his windows be darkened, the horizon of his inner sight is wider and his vision clearer; and if the doors be shut in the streets and all his daughters of music be laid low, his ears grow more and more attuned to catch the exquisite harmonies in the hymn of praise which everywhere nature unceasingly sings to Him whose hands have fashioned all.

Yes! Years may come and go, seasons may change, friends may fail or pass into the great unknown, but through it all the Star of Faith shines clear and radiant; the Anchor of Hope holds fast amid the stress and storms of Life, and, at the last, when to the outside world all may seem darkest, when the silver cord is near its loosening and the golden bowl must soon be broken, then, although the "poor vile dust" may return to the earth as it was, the spirit, the man himself, unconquerable and triumphant over all earth's weaknesses and ills, returns at last in safety and peace to the God of Love who gave it.

I.

To the past go more dead faces,
Every day,
As the loved leave vacant places,
Every day;
Everywhere the sad eyed greet us,
At the evening's dusk they greet us,
And to go to them entreat us,
Every day.

II.

"You are growing old," they tell us,
Every day,
"You are more alone," they tell us,
Every day;
"You can win no more affection,
"You have only recollection,
"Deeper sorrow and dejection,
Every day.'

III.

Its true life's sands are sifting,
Every day,
And our barks are seaward drifting;
Every day;
Old places, changing, fret us,
And the living more forget us,
There are fewer to regret us,
Every day.

IV.

But the truer life draws nigher,
Every day,
And its morning star climbs higher,
Every day;
Earth's hold on us grows slighter,
And its heavy burdens lighter,
And the dawn immortal brighter,
Every day.

To each one of us may this dawn grow ever fuller and more radiant until it is merged at last into the cloudless glories of the everlasting day.

Fraternally submitted,

J. C. MORGAN,
Chairman Committee.

It was moved by R. W. Bro. James H. Burritt, seconded by R. W. Bro. J. C. Morgan, and

Resolved, That the report on the Fraternal Dead be adopted.

CALLED OFF.

The Grand Lodge was called from labor to refreshment, to meet again on Thursday, the 20th July, at 11 o'clock a. m.

GRAND MASTER HONORED.

In the evening at 8 o'clock the officers and members of Grand Lodge, accompanied by their lady friends, attended a grand concert in the Armouries at which the Thirteenth Regiment Band, under the leadership of Bro. George Robinson, conductor, assisted by Mrs. Sanderson, rendered an excellent program.

The Grand Master and Grand Lodge Officers assembled in the west end of the hall and the band played them to the platform, where they took seats. Then the Past Masters formed up, and the band also played them to the platform. The entire assembly arose at the sound of the first notes of God Save the King, and remained standing while The Maple Leaf and Rule Britannia were played, the audience joining in the chorus of both.

R. W. Bro. John Hoodless, Chairman of the Past Masters' Association, then read the following address to M. W. Bro. Benjamin Allen, and R. W. Bro. R. V. Mathews,

Secretary of the Association, handed the Grand Master a beautiful loving cup, suitably inscribed.

To Benjamin Allen, Grand Master Ancient and Accepted Masons of Canada, in the Province of Ontario :

Dear Sir and Most Worshipful Brother :

Your Masonic brethren of the city of Hamilton have for many years been impressed by your genial personality and the many excellent qualities which have gained you friends and admirers throughout the whole of the Dominion of Canada.

They are not insensible to the particular favor you have ever shown to your brethren in this city, so that they have come to look upon you almost as a citizen, while holding you in high esteem as a personal friend. During the past year they have observed with satisfaction the ability with which you have conducted the business affairs of the Grand Lodge as its chief executive head, the zeal and assiduity which have inspired you, and the uniform kindness and urbanity which have marked all your intercourse with your brethren. It is a matter for rejoicing and for profound gratitude that during your term of office our Order has greatly prospered, and that kindness and brotherly love have prevailed throughout the jurisdiction. They regret exceedingly that the exigencies of business compell you to retire from office at the end of one year of service as Grand Master, and that you are unable to accept the re-election which the whole of the fraternity in this jurisdiction so earnestly desired you to accept.

As a slight mark of the affection the Past Masters of Hamilton feel for you personally, of the esteem in which they hold your abilities, and of the pride they have in you as the chief head and ruler of the craft, they ask you to accept this Loving Cup, trusting that the kindness and brotherly love which go with it may make it acceptable to you and cherished by you.

And they humbly and reverently pray that the Great Architect of the Universe may be graciously pleased to prolong your life and to make it happy and useful.

Signed on behalf of the Past Masters of the City of Hamilton:

R. W. BRO. JOHN HOODLESS,

President.

R. W. BRO. R. V. MATTHEWS,

Secretary.

R. W. BRO. FRED. WALTER,

Chairman of Committee.

Hamilton, July 19, 1905.

M. W. Bro. Allen, in reply, said :

My Dear Brother Hoodless, Worshipful Brethren, Past Masters of the City of Hamilton :

It is with a great feeling of diffidence and some feeling of pleasure that I accept this token of your esteem—diffidence, because I know how little I deserve all your kindness, and great

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pleasure, because I know that you look upon me with warm friendship and consider me almost one of your own. Indeed, a few years ago a bet was made that I really was a citizen of Hamilton, and when asked why he thought so the bettor replied, "because he saw me here so frequently." But it is the same old story—where the heart is there the person loves to be, and I certainly love the Masonic brethren of Hamilton. How well I remember your kindness in years that are gone. I can never forget it, and I would not be grateful if I did not in some measure express my thankfulness. I quite approve of your action, too, although it places me in an embarrassing position to say, and I do so with diffidence, yet I believe we should show our regard for our brethren while they are here.

I esteem this token from the Past Masters very highly, and I congratulate you, sir, upon being president of such a body, because I know your association is always unanimous and hearty in what you do, and that you do a good work. I look upon Hamilton as the city in Canada where Masonry is most practically exemplified. I know you will take more pleasure in hearing your excellent band than in anything I can say, but I once more want to thank you for this token of your esteem. I do not require it, or anything, to remind me of your kindness, but I will have it by me in days to come and it will then carry me back to this happy time when I was Grand Master. I, too, regret that circumstances make it necessary for me to retire at the end of one year of office, but in the last twelve months I have not had more than an hour and a half a day to give to my business, and that is not fair to those who employ me. Gladly would I serve you another year, or three, four or five years more if you desired me, but I feel that I must retire, and in doing so it is a great pleasure to me to receive from you this mark of your regard. I shall always love your city and its people, and hope long to be numbered among your friends.

At the conclusion of the Grand Master's reply the following program was given:

Overture—"William Tell" Rossini
Solo—"Carmena" H. Lane Wilson
Mrs. E. J. Sanderson.
Selection—"Anglo-American" Yeabeley
Scene Espagnole—"Sevillana" Elgar
Serenade—"Moonlight" Neil Moret
Sketch—"Down South" Myddleton
Songs—(a) "A Memory" Park
(b) "Florian Song" Godard
Mrs. E. J. Sanderson.
March—"Call of the Wild" Loeey

GOD SAVE THE KING.

SECOND DAY.

THURSDAY, 20TH JULY, A. D. 1905.

The Grand Lodge resumed labor at 11.15 o'clock a. m.

PRESENT.

M. W. Bro. Benjamin Allen, on the Throne.

Grand Officers, Members and Representatives.

M. W. Bros. Hon. Wm. Gibson and R. T. Walkem introduced M. W. Bro. Hon. Senator Ellis, Past Grand Master of the Grand Lodge of Nova Scotia.

The Grand Master, in acknowledging the introduction, said : M. W. Bro. Ellis, it is with great pleasure that I receive you as a Past Grand Master of the Grand Lodge of Nova Scotia, and I am very glad also to be able to call you a personal friend. (Grand honors were here accorded the distinguished visiting brother). M. W. Bro. W. R. White will extend to M. W. Bro. Ellis the greetings of this Grand Lodge.

M. W. Bro. W. R. White, K. C.: Most Worshipful Sir and brethren: It affords us great pleasure upon the Semi-Centennial celebration of this Grand Lodge to welcome you, not only as a distinguished member of the Grand Lodge of Nova Scotia, not only as the representative of our Grand Lodge, not only for the high position you have attained in our country, but we welcome you also for the personal qualities you possess. Those who have known you for years know that you have always been a good man and a good Mason. It is to be hoped that when you and I celebrate our centennial that the Grand Lodge of Canada will meet again in the City of Hamilton. (Laughter.) Your distinguished position in the government of the country is well known, and every member of this Grand Lodge extends to you a hearty and sincere welcome to our communication.

M. W. Bro. Ellis, in replying, said: Most Worshipful Grand Master, officers and brethren of Grand Lodge, I thank you most heartily for the kind reception you have given me. M. W. Bro. White, in introducing me, made some reference to my mother Grand Lodge, but I may

say my mother Grand Lodge is the Grand Lodge of Canada. I may further say that I am probably one of the oldest members of this Grand Lodge, for in 1856, when I was 21 years of age, I was admitted into the fraternity in Lodge of Social and Military Virtues (now known as Antiquity Lodge, of the Grand Lodge of Quebec.) I am delighted to be able to attend this Semi-Centennial celebration and meet with the members of this Grand Lodge. I felt this morning when I came among you the companionship and the friendship of the brethren. As you stood and the light gleamed through the windows upon your uplifted hands it was a most beautiful sight to look at. I thank you very much indeed for the courtesy extended to me. The Grand Lodge of Canada is one of the best Grand Lodges on the continent and it is doing its work thoroughly. Applause.

The brethren then sang, led by Bro. J. S. Liddell, "The Maple Leaf."

REPORT OF THE BOARD OF GENERAL PURPOSES ON GRIEVANCES AND APPEALS.

R. W. Bro. James H. Burritt, Deputy Grand Master, on behalf of the Board of General Purposes, presented the following report, which was read by R. W. Bro. W. D. McPherson :

REPORT.

To the M. W. the Grand Master and the Grand Lodge A. F. & A. M. of Canada, in the Province of Ontario :

The Sub-Committee on Grievances and Appeals beg to report as follows :

1. Chaudiere Lodge, No. 264, vs. W. H. Morgan. Misappropriation of lodge funds. At the 48th annual communication, held in 1903, Grand Lodge found Bro. Morgan guilty of the said offence and ordered that he be summoned to appear at last year's meeting of Grand Lodge to show cause why he should not be expelled. He was accordingly duly summoned and did not appear, but wrote asking for an extension of time for one year and his request was complied with. By registered letter, dated 12th May, 1905, addressed to "W. H. Morgan, 73 James street, Ottawa," he has been again summoned to appear on the 17th July, 1905, to show cause why he should not be expelled from the Craft for unmasonic conduct, but he has not appeared or in any way communicated with the Grand Secretary, or any other officer of Grand Lodge, and as the offence of which he has been convicted merits expulsion, the Board recommend that he be expelled from the Craft for the said offence.

1. Palmer Lodge, No. 372, Bridgburg, va. Bro. C. H. Hana. Forgery. At the last meeting of Grand Lodge Bro. Hana was found guilty by Grand Lodge of said offence, and it was ordered that he be summoned before this meeting of Grand Lodge to show cause why he should not be expelled. By registered letter, dated 8th May, 1905, addressed to "C. H. Hana, Esq., Wanesville, N. Carolina," he has been summoned to show cause why he should not be expelled from the Craft for unmasonic conduct. He has not appeared or communicated in any way with the Grand Secretary, or any other officer of Grand Lodge, and as the offence of which he has been convicted merits expulsion, the Board recommend that he be expelled from the Craft for said offence.

2. Tecumseh Lodge, No. 245, Thamesville, va. Bro. W. C. Armstrong. Misappropriation of lodge funds while Secretary of the lodge for 1901. At the last meeting of Grand Lodge Bro. Armstrong was found guilty by Grand Lodge of said offence, and it was ordered that he be summoned before this meeting to show cause why he should not be expelled. By registered letter, dated 10th May, 1905, addressed to "W. C. Armstrong, care of Mrs. W. C. Armstrong, St. Catharines, Ontario," he was notified to appear to show cause why he should not be expelled from the Craft for unmasonic conduct. The said letter was returned on the 25th May marked "Not called for." The Grand Secretary certifies that on the 25th May, 1905, he communicated with Bro. Robert Pye, Secretary of Tecumseh Lodge, No. 245, Thamesville, Ontario, asking for further information regarding the location of Bro. Armstrong, or a more definite address, but has been unable to secure any further information relative to the whereabouts of Bro. Armstrong. Bro. Armstrong has not appeared, or in any way communicated with the Grand Secretary, or any other officer of Grand Lodge, and as the offence of which he has been convicted merits expulsion, and everything appears to have been done according to the Constitution, that could be done to notify Bro. Armstrong to appear to show cause, the Board recommend that he be expelled from the Craft for the said offence.

4. Franck Lodge, No. 127, Frankford, va. Bro. W. A. Black. Unmasonic conduct and misdemeanors involving moral turpitude and wronging Masons by fraud and misappropriating lodge funds to the extent of \$100.00. From a letter dated at Calabogie, 18th August, 1904, from Bro. Black to the W. M. officers and members of Franck Lodge, it is quite clear that the charge of misappropriating lodge funds is admitted by Bro. Black, and as he has been regularly tried for said offence and found guilty by his lodge and sentenced to indefinite suspension, and recommended to Grand Lodge for expulsion, the Board recommend that Bro. Black be summoned to show cause at the next meeting of Grand Lodge why he should not be expelled from the Craft for said offence.

5. Shuniah Lodge, No. 287, Port Arthur, va. Bro. Ransom H. Richmond. Unmasonic conduct involving moral turpitude. Bro. Richmond was tried for the offence with which he is charged and suspended by his lodge in 1903. He has not formally appealed from the judgment of his lodge, but has deputed Bro. H. S. Lewis, a member of Royal Lodge, No. 452,

Fort William, to appear before the Board of General Purposes and represent him, endeavoring to have him reinstated. In order that he may be permitted to pay his dues and take out his dimit. Bro. Lewis has appeared before the Committee on Grievances and Appeals, and, after hearing his statement and request that the application be allowed to stand for a year, the Board recommend Grand Lodge to comply with his request, and that action on Bro. Richmond's case be deferred until the next annual meeting.

6. Georgina Lodge, No. 343, Toronto, vs. Lachlan Truman Lockheed. Unmasonic conduct, desertion of wife and family and adultery. The evidence was taken by a committee of Georgina Lodge. The defendant was heard on his own behalf, and after all the evidence for the complainant, and also on behalf of Bro. Lockheed had been heard and considered, the charge was sustained, and at a regular meeting held on the 3rd September, 1904, Bro. Lockheed was unanimously suspended indefinitely and recommended to Grand Lodge for expulsion. No appeal has been made on his behalf. Your Board recommend that Bro. Lockheed be summoned to show cause at the next annual communication of Grand Lodge why he should not be expelled from the Craft for said offence.

7. King Edward Lodge, No. 464, Sunderland, vs. Fidelity Lodge, No. 428, Port Perry. Invasion of jurisdiction by initiating Bros. Black, McClung and Sinclair. On the 19th October, 1903, on the application of Joseph Thompson and others, a dispensation was granted to form a new lodge to be known as "King Edward Lodge." On the 23rd October, 1903, the dispensation was forwarded to R. W. Bro. H. A. Nicholls, D. D. G. M., Toronto East District No. 11a, in whose Masonic jurisdiction the village of Sunderland was situated. On the 26th January, 1904, King Edward Lodge was opened by Bro. Nicholls. The applications of Bros. Black, McClung and Sinclair were received at the January, 1904, meeting of Fidelity Lodge and they were respectively initiated by Fidelity Lodge on the following dates: May, June and September, 1904. It is undisputed that the residence of Bros. Black, McClung and Sinclair is within what would be the territorial jurisdiction of King Edward Lodge. On the 5th May, 1905, King Edward Lodge protested against the initiation of these brethren by Fidelity Lodge and claimed that the initiation fees, amounting to \$60.00, should be paid over to King Edward Lodge by Fidelity Lodge. It is also allowed on behalf of King Edward Lodge, and not disputed by Fidelity Lodge, that Bro. Rose, a member of Fidelity Lodge, was, at the date of the applications of Bros. Black, McClung and Sinclair, fully cognizant of the fact that a dispensation had been granted to King Edward Lodge. All three brethren certify in writing that they were not aware of and had no knowledge of the existence of a duly authorized Masonic lodge at Sunderland, and were under the belief that in giving their respective applications they were doing so prior to the granting of the charter or dispensation to King Edward Lodge. Bros. Black and McClung further state in writing that Port Perry is more convenient for each of them to attend, and that had the conditions been such as would have necessitated their initiation at Sunderland, they would have withheld their

applications. In view of the positive assertion of prominent representatives of the district in which both these lodges are situated, that pending negotiations looking to a settlement of the question above referred to are certain to be successful, your Board recommend to Grand Lodge that action be deferred until our next annual communication.

8. St. Clair Lodge, No. 135, Milton, vs. Bro. Smith Peter Morse. Unmasonic conduct and defrauding a brother Mason. The original complaint was laid by Bro. Robt. Coates, a member of St. Clair Lodge, No. 135, on the 4th May, 1865. The trial was proceeded with in the presence of Bro. Morse, and on the 3rd August, 1865, at the regular meeting of the Lodge, the charge was sustained and Bro. Morse was indefinitely suspended. On the 9th July, 1866, Bro. Morse appealed and his appeal was referred by M. W. Bro. Col. W. M. Wilson, Grand Master, for investigation, and report to R. W. Bro. James Seymour, D. D. G. M. of the Hamilton District. Bro. Seymour investigated the facts and on the 17th November, 1866, reported very strongly against Bro. Morse's appeal and concurred in the action of St. Clair Lodge. On the 29th November, 1866, his report was presented and approved by the M. W. Grand Master Wilson. Inasmuch as the amount of the loss sustained by Bro. Coates amounts only to \$180.00, and Bro. Seymour's report was deferred for one month in order to give Bro. Morse an opportunity to reimburse Bro. Coates for the financial loss so sustained, and as such reimbursement has not since been made, and St. Clair Lodge is opposed to Bro. Morse's reinstatement, the Board recommend that the application of Bro. Morse for reinstatement be not granted.

9. Pequonga Lodge, No. 414, Kenora, vs. Archibald Campbell. Application of Pequonga Lodge for the reinstatement of Archibald Campbell, an expelled member. This is an application by Pequonga Lodge, No. 414, G. R. C., under their lodge seal, for the reinstatement of Archibald Campbell, a former member of that lodge, who was expelled on the 4th March, 1896, for unmasonic conduct. No evidence has been presented to the Committee on Grievances and Appeals, and, the offence having been of a serious nature, the Board recommend against complying with the request of Pequonga Lodge.

All of which is fraternally submitted.

(Signed) WM. DAVID McPHERSON,

Hamilton, 18th July, 1905.

Chairman.

It was moved by R. W. Bro. James H. Burritt, seconded by R. W. Bro. W. D. McPherson, and

Resolved, That the report on Grievances and Appeals be adopted.

REPORT OF THE BOARD OF GENERAL PURPOSES ON GRAND MASTER'S ADDRESS.

The Board to which was referred the address of the M. W. the Grand Master for consideration has the honor to report.

The address is so satisfactory that the Board find in it very little to call for any special suggestions from them.

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It may be fitly described as the record of a very prosperous year in the history of Grand Lodge.

The lodge membership has increased, the income is in advance of that of any previous year, and the brethren have responded fairly well to the appeal made to them in behalf of the Semi-Centennial Benevolent Fund.

The short statement given by the M. W. the Grand Master of the origin of our Grand Lodge will, no doubt, be read with great interest by the members of the Craft. This statement has since been supplemented by an admirable address delivered yesterday by the Historian of Grand Lodge, M. W. Bro. J. Ross Robertson, of Toronto, an address which can confidently be referred to by the brethren as not only an epitome of the history of this Grand Lodge but as an explanation of speculative Masonry. The Board are satisfied that there is no Grand Lodge which can boast of a more satisfactory record of progress and prosperity. The committee regard the arrangement made for the Semi-Centennial celebration as entirely satisfactory and hope that the programme adopted will be successfully carried out.

The Board concur in the Grand Master's expression of sorrow for the removal by death of many eminent brethren during the past year and in the tribute which he has paid to their labors on behalf of the Craft and the public generally.

The question of the recognition of the Grand Lodge formed in Queensland has been referred to the Committee on Constitution and Laws, who, it is understood, will report at next session of Grand Lodge.

The Grand Master refers in his address to the vote passed last year for the purchase of undress regalia. The Board recommends that the error to which the G. M. alludes be rectified and the full amount necessary for the purchase, \$62.10, with the duty be allowed. (See amendment expunging this clause.)

The Board concur in the remarks made by the M. W. the Grand Master with respect to the manner in which the officers of Grand Lodge have performed their duties, and they also desire to congratulate the Grand Master on his happy and successful administration of the affairs of the Craft during the past year.

All of which is fraternally submitted.

RICHARD T. WALKER,

Chairman of Sub-Committee.

It was moved by R. W. Bro. James H. Burritt, seconded by M. W. Bro. Walker, and

Resolved, That the report of the Board on the address of the M. W. the Grand Master be received and adopted.

Objection to portion of the report regarding the undress regalia was made by M. W. Bro. White, who moved in amendment, seconded by R. W. Bro. Henry Roe, and

Resolved, That the portion of the report relating to undress regalia be expunged, and the report as amended be adopted.

REVISED CONSTITUTION.

R. W. Bro. James H. Burritt, Deputy Grand Master, on behalf of the Board of General Purposes, presented the report of the Committee on Revision of the Constitution, embodying a draft of the proposed Constitution, as follows:

We, the Grand Lodge of Ancient, Free and Accepted Masons of Canada, in the Province of Ontario, in order to form perfect fraternal union, to establish order, to insure tranquillity, to provide for and promote the general welfare of the Craft, and to secure to the Fraternity in the Province of Ontario all the blessings of Masonic privileges, do order and establish this Constitution.

Style and Title of Grand Lodge.

1. The Grand Lodge of Ancient, Free and Accepted Masons of Canada, in the Province of Ontario, now existing, hereinafter referred to as Grand Lodge, shall continue to exist under the same name, style and title.

Composition of Grand Lodge.

2. Grand Lodge shall consist of its Grand Officers, its Past Grand Officers, the Past Masters (duly returned) and the Masters and Wardens (duly returned) of all Lodges on the Grand Lodge Register; provided, however, that no representative of any Lodge which has neglected to make its returns and payments to Grand Lodge for more than one year shall be permitted to vote at any session thereof, until such returns and payments respectively shall have been completed and made. (See Section 160.)

3. A Lodge may, by its vote properly certified by the Master and Secretary under seal, delegate any Past Master (duly returned) of the Lodge to represent it at any meeting of Grand Lodge in the absence of the Master and Wardens. No proxy shall be valid unless it is passed in open Lodge, and the name of the brother so delegated shall have been written in the proxy previous to its being signed by the Master and Secretary of the Lodge. The name of the delegate shall be sent to the Grand Secretary at least fourteen days before the annual meeting of Grand Lodge. No brother can represent more than one Lodge.

4. Grand Lodge may on motion constitute any brother of eminence and ability who has rendered service to the Craft and who hails from a foreign jurisdiction an honorary member thereof, with such rank and distinction as it may deem appropriate, but not above that of Past Grand Junior Warden. The procedure on such motion shall be similar to that provided in Section 28.

Officers of Grand Lodge.

5. The officers of Grand Lodge shall be the following:
The Most Worshipful the Grand Master.

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The Right Worshipful the Deputy Grand Master.

The Right Worshipful the District Deputy Grand Masters
(one for each district).

The Right Worshipful the Grand Senior Warden.

The Right Worshipful the Grand Junior Warden.

The Right Worshipful the Grand Chaplain.

The Right Worshipful the Grand Treasurer.

The Right Worshipful the Grand Secretary.

The Right Worshipful the Grand Registrar.

The members of the Board of General Purposes.

The Very Worshipful the Grand Senior Deacon.

The Very Worshipful the Grand Junior Deacon.

The Very Worshipful the Grand Superintendent of Works.

The Very Worshipful the Grand Director of Ceremonies.

The Very Worshipful the Assistant Grand Secretary.

The Very Worshipful the Assistant Grand Director of Ceremonies.

The Very Worshipful the Grand Sword Bearer.

The Very Worshipful the Grand Organist.

The Very Worshipful the Assistant Grand Organist.

The Very Worshipful the Grand Pursuivant.

The Very Worshipful the Grand Stewards (12 in number).

The Very Worshipful the Grand Standard Bearers (2 in number).

The Grand Tyler.

Historian of Grand Lodge.

6. There shall be a Historian of Grand Lodge.

Committee on Credentials.

7. On the day preceding the annual meeting of Grand Lodge, the Board of General Purposes shall appoint four or more Masters or Past Masters of Lodges as a Committee on Credentials.

8. This Committee shall cause to be registered the names of the brethren in attendance at the annual meeting who are qualified to vote, and the number of votes they are entitled to cast at the election of officers and the selection of the place for the next annual meeting.

9. The Committee shall deliver to each of such brethren the ballot papers to which he is entitled. Each Lodge shall be entitled to three votes. If the Master and Wardens of a Lodge be present each shall be entitled to one vote. If any one of them be absent his vote shall be given to the senior officer present. Each Past Master shall be entitled to one vote.

10. The registration books shall be closed at nine o'clock on the morning of the second day of the meeting, and the Committee shall immediately thereafter report to the Grand Master and shall furnish to the Chairman of the Scrutineers the names of the brethren who have registered and are qualified to vote.

Mode of Electing and Appointing the Officers of Grand Lodge.

11. The officers of Grand Lodge, except the members of the Board of General Purposes, shall be elected or appointed annually, and shall hold office until their successors shall have been duly elected or appointed and installed.

12. No brother shall be eligible for office until he has been regularly installed as Master of a Lodge.

13. The Grand Master and Deputy Grand Master shall be elected by ballot without nomination. The Grand Senior Warden, the Grand Junior Warden, the Grand Chaplain, the Grand Treasurer, the Grand Secretary, the Grand Registrar, and the members of the Board of General Purposes elected as such by Grand Lodge shall be elected by ballot after nomination. A Historian of Grand Lodge shall be elected by open vote, and shall hold office during the pleasure of Grand Lodge. All other officers shall be appointed by the Grand Master.

14. The place at which the next annual meeting of Grand Lodge is to be held shall be determined by ballot at the same time as the vote is taken for the election of officers. The place for which the largest number of votes is cast shall be regarded as the place selected.

15. Candidates who are eligible for any elective office requiring nomination may be nominated by any member of Grand Lodge.

16. Nominations for any elective office requiring nomination, for the Board of General Purposes, and for the place of holding the next annual meeting of Grand Lodge shall be in writing, and shall be delivered to the Grand Secretary before six o'clock in the evening of the first day of the meeting. The Grand Secretary shall cause a list of such nominations to be printed and distributed before the opening of Grand Lodge on the second day of the meeting.

17. No brother's name shall be submitted to ballot for more than one elective office. Any brother nominated for more than one elective office may withdraw his name from any of such nominations at any time before the vote is taken, and, in the event of his not so withdrawing, his name shall be submitted to ballot for the senior office only.

18. The ballot papers shall be printed under the direction of the Grand Secretary, and shall contain

i. A letter or figure showing the number or order of the ballot.

ii. A list of the elective offices.

iii. Properly defined spaces into which may be written :
(a) The names of the brethren to be voted for. (b) The place of the next annual meeting.

iv. The number of votes cast with each ballot.

19. The Grand Master shall, before the calling off of Grand Lodge on the first day of the meeting, appoint and announce the names of a sufficient number of scrutineers, not being Grand Lodge officers or nominated for office, to take charge of the ballot. He shall also appoint one of the scrutineers to be chairman, whose duty it shall be to supervise the scrutineers in the performance of their duties, to decide any doubtful ballots, and to report the result of each ballot to the presiding officer of Grand Lodge. Before entering upon their duties the scrutineers shall solemnly pledge themselves to perform the same truly and faithfully.

20. The scrutineers shall meet at nine o'clock on the morning of the second day of the meeting in a convenient room ad-

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joining the place of meeting. They shall act in sections of three under the direction of the chairman. Each section shall be provided with a ballot box and a book containing the name and number of the lodge of each brother entitled to vote and the number of votes to which he is entitled.

21. Each brother voting shall write upon one of the ballot papers the name or names of the brother or brothers for whom he desires to vote and the name of the place at which he desires that the next annual meeting shall be held. He shall vote for five nominated members of the Board of General Purposes, otherwise his ballot for the Board shall be void. After exposing to the scrutineers the figures on his ballot indicating the number of his votes, and furnishing such other information as they shall require, he shall deposit his ballot paper in the proper ballot box.

22. No brother shall deposit more than one ballot paper in his personal right, nor more than one ballot paper for the Lodge legally represented by him. Any violation of this rule shall constitute a Masonic offence for which the brother charged shall be tried summarily by a committee appointed by the Grand Master. If found guilty, he shall be sentenced by the Grand Master to be reprimanded, to be suspended for a limited time, or to be suspended indefinitely.

23. The Grand Master shall declare the first ballot closed at ten o'clock in the forenoon of the second day, and the vote shall be forthwith counted and announced.

24. The five brothers nominated for the Board of General Purposes obtaining the greatest number of votes shall be duly elected.

25. A candidate for office other than membership of the Board of General Purposes must, in order to be elected, receive a majority of all the votes cast.

26. If upon the first ballot some of the brethren nominated for any office other than membership of the Board does not obtain a majority of all the votes cast, another ballot shall be taken in respect of such office, and so on until the requisite majority has been obtained.

27. All the ballot papers cast at any election shall be forthwith deposited by the chairman of the scrutineers with the Grand Secretary, who shall retain them for three months, and shall then, unless otherwise directed by the Grand Master, destroy them by fire.

28. Grand Lodge may, on motion, in recognition of eminence, ability, or service rendered, confer upon any of its own members such rank as it may deem appropriate, but not above that of Past Grand Senior Warden. Notice of the motion to confer such rank must be sent in writing by the mover to the Grand Secretary not later than the first day of March preceding the annual meeting, and the vote in favor of the motion must be unanimous. (See Section 3 as to the conferring of rank on a brother from a foreign jurisdiction).

29. The Grand Tyler shall be elected by an open vote of Grand Lodge.

30. Should any officer of Grand Lodge other than the Grand Master or the Deputy Grand Master die or remove from the jurisdiction, or become incapable for any reason of performing

the duties of his office, the Grand Master shall appoint a qualified brother to fill the position until the next annual meeting, or during such incapacity.

Mode of Electing the District Deputy Grand Master.

31. Subject to the approval of and confirmation by the Grand Master, the District Deputy Grand Master of each district shall be elected by the majority of Past Masters and the representatives of the Lodges of such district present at the annual meeting of Grand Lodge. He must be a Past Master and a resident of the district for which he is elected. Should he, at the time of his election, be Master of a Lodge, and should his election be confirmed by the Grand Master, such election shall, ipso facto, operate to vacate his office of Master, and a new election shall be held by the Lodge.

32. The election of District Deputy Grand Master shall be held at the hour of eight o'clock p. m. on the first day of the annual meeting of Grand Lodge, and the result thereof shall be forthwith communicated to the Grand Secretary by the chairman of the district meeting.

Composition of the Board of General Purposes.

33. The Board of General Purposes shall consist of the Grand Master, the Past Grand Masters the Deputy Grand Master (who shall be ex officio President of the Board), the District Deputy Grand Masters, the two Grand Wardens and twenty other members, being Masters or Past Masters of Lodges, ten of whom shall be elected by Grand Lodge, five in each year, and the remaining ten appointed by the Grand Master, five in each year. The elected and appointed members shall hold office for two years, but shall be eligible for re-election or re-appointment.

Rank of the Officers and Members of Grand Lodge.

34. The rank of officers and members of Grand Lodge shall be as follows :

The Grand Master.
Past Grand Masters, according to seniority.
The Deputy Grand Master.
Past Deputy Grand Masters.
The District Deputy Grand Masters.
Past District Deputy Grand Masters.
The Grand Senior Warden.
Past Grand Senior Wardens.
The Grand Junior Warden.
Past Grand Junior Wardens.
The Grand Chaplain.
Past Grand Chaplains.
The Grand Treasurer.
Past Grand Treasurers.
The Grand Secretary.
Past Grand Secretaries.
The Grand Registrar.
Past Grand Registrars.
The Grand Senior Deacon.

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Past Grand Senior Deacons.
The Grand Junior Deacon.
Past Grand Junior Deacons.
The Grand Superintendent of Works.
Past Grand Superintendents of Works.
The Grand Director of Ceremonies.
Past Grand Directors of Ceremonies.
The Assistant Grand Secretary.
Past Assistant Grand Secretaries.
The Assistant Grand Director of Ceremonies.
Past Assistant Grand Directors of Ceremonies.
The Grand Sword Bearer.
Past Grand Sword Bearers.
The Grand Organist.
Past Grand Organists.
The Assistant Grand Organist.
Past Assistant Grand Organists.
The Grand Pursuivant.
Past Grand Pursuivants.
The Grand Stewards.
Past Grand Stewards.
The Grand Standard Bearers.
Past Grand Standard Bearers.

The Masters, Past Masters and Senior and Junior Wardens of Lodges, in the order of the numbers of their respective Lodge warrants.

The Grand Tyler.

35. No brother shall be entitled to past rank in any office in Grand Lodge or in any Lodge unless he has served a full term of twelve months. (See Section 144.)

36. A Past Master of a Lodge in this jurisdiction who has been duly registered in the books of Grand Lodge, and who affiliates with any other Lodge, is entitled to his rank according to seniority both in Grand Lodge and in the Lodge with which he affiliates.

37. The privileges of Masonic rank under this Grand Lodge shall be restricted to those who have obtained rank under this jurisdiction.

38. A Past Master may require from the Grand Secretary, on payment of the fee of one dollar, a Past Master's Certificate, and the Grand Secretary is authorized to issue the same. (See Section 255.)

Powers of Grand Lodge.

39. Grand Lodge alone can enact laws and regulations for the government of the Craft, and alter or repeal them. Grand Lodge has also the inherent power of investigating, regulating, and deciding all matters relative to the Craft, to Lodges or to individual brethren, which may be exercised directly or by delegated authority.

40. Any brother present in Grand Lodge shall have the right to appeal to Grand Lodge from any decision or ruling of the Grand Master given in Grand Lodge. (For procedure on such appeal see Section 131.)

41. Every Lodge or brother affected by any ruling, decision or action of the Grand Master, the Deputy Grand Master, the Board of General Purposes, or any subordinate authority, shall

be duly served with notice of such ruling, decision or action, and shall have the right to appeal therefrom to Grand Lodge, the Grand Secretary within twenty-one days after the notice of such ruling, decision or action shall have been served upon him, and the appeal shall be presented to Grand Lodge by the Board of General Purposes. The provision respecting services prescribed in Rule 5, Masonic Trials, shall apply to all services in connection with appeals provided for by this Constitution.

42. Grand Lodge shall have jurisdiction to entertain an appeal from the verdict or decision of any Lodge or commission in connection with a trial for a Masonic offence, and to deal with the same as provided by the rules respecting Masonic trials. (See Rule 41 and following rules.)

43. Grand Lodge only can expel a brother from the Craft or restore him after expulsion.

Grand Lodge only can withdraw the Warrant of a Lodge and erase the same.

Note—For the procedure relating to expulsion and restoration see post Rules 61, 62, 63, Masonic Trials.

44. The Warrant of a Lodge shall not be withdrawn, nor shall the Lodge be erased until the Master or Officers thereof have been summoned to show cause in Grand Lodge why such action should not be taken. (See Section 229.)

45. The Constitution of Grand Lodge may be amended or altered at any annual meeting thereof by a two-thirds vote of the members present, provided that notice in writing, stating distinctly the proposed amendment or alteration, shall have been given at the preceding annual meeting, or shall have been sent to the Grand Secretary before the first day of March preceding the meeting at which the motion is to be considered, and published in the notice paper. Any amendment to the Constitution which has been rejected by Grand Lodge shall not be reconsidered at any time within five years after such rejection, except leave be given by Grand Lodge by a two-thirds vote, such vote to be taken without debate.

Powers and Duties of the Grand Master.

46. The Grand Master shall, according to ancient usage, be installed at the annual meeting. He shall then, or as soon as possible thereafter, appoint the Grand Lodge officers whose appointment is not otherwise provided by this Constitution.

47. He shall, during such meeting, install and invest, or cause to be installed and invested, the officers who require installation or investiture, and who are present, and shall give directions for the installation or investiture of those who are not present.

48. He may by warrant appoint any brother to represent Grand Lodge in a sister Grand Lodge.

49. He is the presiding officer of Grand Lodge whenever it may meet.

50. He may preside over any Lodge and may direct the business thereof during his visit. The Deputy Grand Master, if present, shall sit on his right, the Grand Wardens, if present, shall occupy the Wardens' chairs, and the Worshipful Master of the Lodge, or the brother entitled to exercise his functions, shall sit on his left.

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51. He may send any of the Grand Officers to visit any Lodge.

52. He may, either personally or by a committee of inquiry to be appointed by him, investigate any subject or Masonic complaint, not being a Masonic offence, which may be brought before him, and may give such orders and directions with respect to the attendance of brethren and the production of books and papers, including the warrant, books and accounts of any Lodge, as he may deem necessary for the purposes of such investigation. Should his orders or directions be disobeyed he may suspend any offending brother for such disobedience until the next meeting of Grand Lodge, or until his orders or directions be obeyed. He shall report in writing to Grand Lodge the action taken by him, his reasons therefor, and his opinion respecting any further action in the matter which should be taken by Grand Lodge.

53. He may, when such action appears to him to be necessary or expedient, suspend any brother, or arrest the warrant or dispensation of any Lodge and suspend the operation thereof until the next meeting of Grand Lodge. He shall report in writing to Grand Lodge the action taken by him, his reasons therefor, and his opinion respecting any further action in the matter which should be taken by Grand Lodge.

54. He may direct that a charge be preferred, in a Lodge having jurisdiction to try the same, against any brother for any Masonic offence alleged to have been committed by him, and may, if he think it expedient to do so, commit the supervision of the trial to the District Deputy Grand Master or any other officer whom he may appoint.

55. He may decide questions of usage, order and Masonic law, which may be submitted to him, subject, however, to a right of appeal to Grand Lodge from his decision. (See Section 41.)

56. He may entertain an appeal from the decision or action of a District Deputy Grand Master, and change or modify the same. (See Section 71.)

57. It is the prerogative of the Grand Master to perform the following ceremonies, viz.: Constituting and consecrating Lodges, dedicating Lodge rooms, laying foundation stones and installing and investing Grand Officers, and no brother can lawfully perform any of these ceremonies unless authorized by the Grand Master to do so as his representative.

58. The Grand Master has authority to grant dispensations for the following purposes, viz.:

i. To authorize the requisite number of brethren to meet as a Lodge until the next annual meeting of Grand Lodge.

ii. To authorize the Grand Secretary to issue a Grand Lodge Certificate to a brother who has been legally admitted to a higher degree at a shorter interval than prescribed by the Constitution. (See Section 245.)

iii. To relieve from Masonic disability a member of a Lodge who has been suspended. (See Section 237.)

iv. To permit the healing of an irregularly made Mason.

59. He has also authority to grant dispensations to any Lodge for any of the following purposes, viz. :

- i. To hold a public procession of members of the Lodge, or any other function in the name of the Lodge or of the fraternity.
- ii. To elect and install (or either) officers at a time other than that fixed by the by-laws.
- iii. To hold a Lodge of Instruction.
- iv. To confer a higher degree on a brother at a shorter interval than that prescribed by the Constitution.
- v. To receive and act upon a petition for initiation in a Lodge from a person who has not resided for one year within its jurisdiction.
- vi. To receive and act upon a petition for a candidate for initiation who resides outside the jurisdiction of the Lodge.
- vii. To initiate more than five candidates in one day.

60. The statement of the powers and prerogatives of the Grand Master contained in the foregoing sections shall not be construed as limiting or abridging the powers and prerogatives attached to the office of Grand Master by Masonic law or custom, except in so far as they directly limit or abridge the same.

61. The Grand Master shall not be applied to officially on any business concerning Masons or Masonry except through the Grand Secretary, the Deputy Grand Master, the District Deputy Grand Masters, or the Board of General Purposes.

62. During the temporary absence of the Grand Master from the Province, notified by him to the Grand Secretary, or during his temporary incapacity from any cause to discharge the duties of his office, the Deputy Grand Master shall possess all the powers of the Grand Master. Should the Grand Master die during his term of office, or become permanently incapable of discharging the duties thereof, the Deputy Grand Master shall forthwith be entitled to exercise the functions of Grand Master until the next annual election.

Powers and Duties of the Deputy Grand Master.

63. The Deputy Grand Master shall, according to ancient usage, be installed at the annual meeting of Grand Lodge.

64. He shall be ex officio President of the Board of General Purposes. (See Section 92.)

65. He shall have authority, unless the Grand Master be present, to preside at any Lodge meeting and to direct the business thereof during his visit. The District Deputy Grand Master, if present, shall sit on his right; the Grand Wardens, if present, shall occupy the Wardens' chairs, and the Worshipful Master of the Lodge, or the brother entitled to exercise his function, shall sit on his left.

Powers and Duties of the District Deputy Grand Master.

66. The District Deputy Grand Master may preside in every Lodge he visits within his district, with the Master of the Lodge on his right hand.

67. He shall visit all the Lodges in his district during his term of office, and shall see that they are working in the authorized manner, and that returns have been regularly for-

warded to Grand Lodge, with all moneys that have accrued due to it. Should any Lodge refuse or neglect to make such returns and payments he shall immediately report the fact in writing to the Grand Master.

68. He shall satisfy himself that the brother recommended in the petition for a new Lodge as the first Master thereof is duly qualified to perform the duties of that office, and for that purpose he may summon that brother to attend for examination, and if he be found qualified he shall grant him a certificate of qualification.

69. He shall ascertain whether a Lodge working under a dispensation in his district is provided with suitable furniture and regalia. (See Section 249.)

70. He may hear and determine any subject of Masonic complaint on being specially authorized to do so by the Grand Master or Grand Lodge.

71. An appeal, in all cases, shall lie from the decision or action of the District Deputy Grand Master to the Grand Master or Grand Lodge. (See Sections 41 and 56.)

72. If the District Deputy Grand Master shall neglect to act or proceed within a reasonable time in any case or business in which it is his duty to act or proceed, complaint of his neglect may be sent to the Grand Secretary, who shall forward the same to the Grand Master to be dealt with by him.

73. He may summon the officers of any Lodge or any brother within his district to appear before him, and to produce the warrant, books, papers and accounts of such Lodge. If the summons be not complied with, and a sufficient reason be not given for non-compliance, he shall immediately report the fact in writing to the Grand Master.

74. He may grant dispensations for holding Lodges of instruction, but for no other purpose, and shall report his dispensations to the Grand Master.

75. He may appoint a District Chaplain and Secretary to act during his pleasure.

76. He may appoint a competent brother to instruct any Lodge or Lodges in his district which may desire instruction.

77. He shall send to the Grand Secretary, at least fourteen days prior to the annual meeting a brief account in writing of his proceedings and of the state of Masonry within his district, together with a list of such Lodges as may have been constituted since the last return.

Grand Wardens.

78. The Grand Wardens shall be invested at the annual meeting.

79. When the Grand Wardens are in Grand Lodge no others can fill their places, but in the absence of either, the Grand Master may appoint any Past Grand Warden present to act pro tempore. If no Past Grand Warden be present, the Grand Master may direct any other member of Grand Lodge to act as Grand Warden for that occasion.

80. The Grand Wardens, whenever directed, shall attend the Grand Master and act as his Wardens.

Grand Chaplain.

81. The Grand Chaplain shall be invested at the annual meeting. He shall, when practicable, attend all meetings of Grand Lodge and there offer prayer.

Grand Treasurer.

82. The Grand Treasurer shall be invested at the annual meeting.

83. He shall keep such books and accounts and in such a manner as may from time to time be prescribed by the Board of General Purposes. (See Section 115). His books shall always be open for inspection by the Grand Master, or the President of the Board, or any committee thereof authorized to inspect the same. His accounts shall be prepared and audited as prescribed by Sections 117 and following sections. He shall be the custodian of the bond of the Grand Secretary. (See Section 84.)

Grand Secretary.

84. The Grand Secretary shall be invested at the annual meeting.

He shall have the custody of the seal of Grand Lodge and shall affix the same to all documents issued by authority of Grand Lodge, or the Grand Master.

He shall sign and certify all instruments issued by Grand Lodge under seal or otherwise.

He shall issue summonses for all meetings of Grand Lodge, of the Board of General Purposes, and of any committee as he shall be directed by the Grand Master or Grand Lodge, and shall attend and take minutes of their proceedings.

He shall receive the returns from the several Lodges and enter them in the books of Grand Lodge and duly report the same at each annual meeting of Grand Lodge.

He shall send to all Lodges copies of the Proceedings of Grand Lodge and all such other papers as may be ordered, either by the Grand Master, Grand Lodge or the Board of General Purposes.

He shall, on or before the first day of April in each year, send to each Lodge and to every officer of Grand Lodge, copies of all notices of motion.

He shall notify all Lodges annually of all expelled, suspended and restored members for the year.

He shall furnish the District Deputy Grand Masters and the Board of General Purposes with all documents and information that they may require.

He shall receive all petitions, memorials and other papers and lay them before the Grand Master or other proper authority.

He shall attend the Grand Master or Board of General Purposes, and take to him or the Board the books and papers he or they may direct.

He shall conduct the correspondence of Grand Lodge.

He shall receive and dispose of all moneys of Grand Lodge and keep all the accounts thereof in accordance with the rules prescribed by the Board of General Purposes. (See Sections 115, 116.) His books and accounts shall always be open to in-

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inspection by the Grand Master, or the President of the Board of General Purposes, or any committee thereof authorized to inspect the same. His accounts shall be prepared and audited as prescribed by Sections 117, etc.

He shall perform all other duties appertaining to his office.

He shall give a bond, to be approved by the Board of General Purposes, to the Grand Master and the Deputy Grand Master, in some guarantee company, in the sum of five thousand dollars, for the faithful performance of his duties. (See Section 120.) This bond shall be placed in the custody of the Grand Treasurer. (See Section 83.) The fee for such bond shall be paid by Grand Lodge.

Grand Registrar.

85. The Grand Registrar shall be invested at the annual meeting.

Appointed Grand Lodge Officers.

86. The Grand Deacons, Superintendent of Works, Director of Ceremonies, Assistant Secretary, Assistant Director of Ceremonies, Sword Bearers, Organist, Assistant Organist, Pursuivant, Stewards and Standard Bearers shall, when practicable, attend all meetings of Grand Lodge.

87. The Grand Director of Ceremonies shall, in addition to his other duties, have the care during the meeting of Grand Lodge, of the clothing, regalia and jewels belonging to it.

88. The Grand Pursuivant shall preserve order in the porch at every meeting of Grand Lodge, and, with the assistance of the brethren nominated for the purpose, shall see that none be admitted except those qualified, properly clothed and in all respects entitled to admission.

89. The Grand Stewards shall assist in the regulation of grand festivals, under the direction of the Grand Master, and in conducting the arrangements made for the meeting of Grand Lodge.

Grand Tyler.

90. The Grand Tyler shall, when practicable, attend at all meetings of Grand Lodge, assist in the arrangements, and see that none be admitted but those properly entitled.

Historian of Grand Lodge.

91. The Historian of Grand Lodge shall from time to time compile and preserve a record of all matters connected with the history of Grand Lodge.

The Board of General Purposes.

92. The Deputy Grand Master shall be the President of the Board of General Purposes. (See Section 64.)

93. The Board of General Purposes shall annually elect one of its members to be Vice-President, who, in the absence of the President, shall possess all his powers.

94. Should the President and the Vice-President be absent, the Board shall elect a chairman pro tempore.

95. The Board shall meet two days before the annual meeting of Grand Lodge at the place appointed for holding the same, and at other times on the call of the Grand Master or the President of the Board.

96. Seven members shall constitute a quorum. All questions shall be decided by a majority of votes; the presiding officer in case of a tie shall have a second vote.

97. The Board shall have authority to hear and determine all Masonic complaints, not being Masonic offences, respecting Lodges or individual Masons when regularly brought before it.

98. The Board may summon any of the officers of a Lodge or any brother to appear before it for the purpose of any enquiry, and may order the custodian thereof to produce the warrant, books, papers and accounts of the Lodge. If such order be disobeyed and sufficient reason for non-compliance be not given, the offending Lodge or brother may be suspended by the Board and the proceedings shall be reported to Grand Lodge.

99. A full report of the proceedings of the Board in all cases of complaint investigated by it shall be preserved in a book to be kept for the purpose. The judgment of the Board shall be reported to Grand Lodge.

100. In case of any complaint affecting a member of the Board, or the Lodge to which he belongs, such member shall withdraw while the Board considers its decision.

101. The Board shall have charge of the finances of Grand Lodge, shall examine all claims upon it, and when found correct, shall order the Grand Treasurer to pay them, and it shall submit to Grand Lodge an estimate of expenses for the ensuing year.

102. The Board shall have full power to inspect all books and papers relating to the accounts of Grand Lodge, and may, by rules and regulations, prescribe the manner in which the moneys and accounts thereof shall be kept. Such rules and regulations shall be reported to Grand Lodge.

103. The Board shall annually appoint an auditor, who shall be a chartered accountant. His duty shall be to audit the books and accounts of the Grand Secretary once a month and the books of the Grand Treasurer every three months and report to the Grand Master. He shall perform the duties prescribed by Sections 117 and 118. He shall receive such remuneration as the Board may determine.

104. The Board may summon any officer or brother having possession of any books, papers, documents or accounts belonging to Grand Lodge to appear before it, and may give such directions as may be deemed necessary regarding them.

105. The Board shall have the direction of everything relating to the furniture and regalia of Grand Lodge.

106. The Board shall cause the necessary preparations to be made for the meetings of Grand Lodge, as well as for days of festivals, public ceremonies and other meetings.

107. The Board shall have the general care and regulation of all the concerns of Grand Lodge.

108. No recommendation, petition or representation of any kind shall be received by the Board unless it be in writing and signed by the person or persons addressing the Board.

109. All communications from the Board to the Grand Master, to Grand Lodge, or other boards or committee, or any Lodge or brother, shall be made in writing.

110. The Board shall proceed to the consideration of any

special matter which may be referred to it by the Grand Master, or Grand Lodge, in preference to other business.

111. The Board may appoint committees from among its members for specific purposes, who must report to the Board.

112. All transactions and resolutions of the Board shall be entered in the minute book by the Grand Secretary.

113. The actual expenses of the members of the Board of General Purposes and of committees and commissions appointed by Grand Lodge, or the Grand Master in attending meetings thereof respectively, shall be paid out of the funds of Grand Lodge, the amount thereof to be approved by the President of the Board of General Purposes. (See Section 122.)

114. At each annual meeting of Grand Lodge the Board shall report all its proceedings.

Moneys and Accounts of Grand Lodge.

115. All moneys payable to Grand Lodge shall be received by the Grand Secretary, who shall forthwith deposit them in the bank in which the Grand Lodge keeps its account to the credit of Grand Lodge, and shall forthwith send a duplicate of the deposit slip to the Grand Treasurer, who shall keep an account of all moneys so received and deposited.

116. The accounts of the Grand Secretary and the Grand Treasurer shall be kept in such manner and form, and subject to such rules and regulations, as the Board of General Purposes may from time to time prescribe.

117. The accounts shall be closed on the 31st day of May in each year. They shall be audited continuously during the year by a professional accountant to be named by the Board, and an abstract thereof certified by the auditor as correct shall be prepared and sent to each Lodge not later than the 15th day of June in each year. (See Section 103.)

118. A full statement of the accounts shall be prepared for the information of Grand Lodge, shall be certified as correct by the official auditor, and shall be submitted to the Board on the first day of its meeting prior to the meeting of Grand Lodge. This statement shall be referred for examination and audit to a committee of the Board, who shall forthwith report to the Board thereon.

119. The Board shall prescribe the mode in which payments shall be made out of the funds of Grand Lodge, and shall have power to authorize any necessary expenditure for the administration of its affairs.

120. The Grand Secretary shall give a bond in a guarantee company to be approved by the Board to the Grand Master and the Deputy Grand Master, in the sum of \$5,000, for the faithful performance of his duties. The premium on the bond shall be paid by Grand Lodge. (See Section 84.)

121. The books of account of the Grand Secretary and the Grand Treasurer and the securities of Grand Lodge shall always be open to inspection by the Grand Master, the Deputy Grand Master and the Board of General Purposes or its nominee. (See Sections 83, 84.)

122. All committees or commissions appointed by the Grand Master or the Grand Lodge shall be paid their actual expenses,

the amount thereof to be approved by the President of the Board of General Purposes. (See Section 113.)

Meetings of Grand Lodge.

123. The Grand Master, or in the event of his absence from the province or inability to act, the Deputy Grand Master, or in the event of his absence or inability to act, the Grand Wardens may summon and hold especial meetings of Grand Lodge whenever the good of the Craft shall, in their opinion, require it. The particular reason for convening such meetings shall be stated in the summons, and no other business shall be entered upon at any such meeting.

124. The annual meeting of Grand Lodge shall be held at the hour of ten o'clock in the forenoon of the third Wednesday in July, at the place decided upon at the previous annual meeting.

125. No member of Grand Lodge shall attend at any meeting thereof without his proper Masonic clothing, nor wear any jewel not recognized by Grand Lodge. None but members shall be present without permission of the Grand Master.

126. The Grand Master, if present, shall preside in Grand Lodge. If, at any meeting thereof, annual or especial, except a meeting called to assist in the performance of a ceremony, the Grand Master be absent, Grand Lodge shall be ruled by the elective grand officer next in rank and seniority who may be present; but, if no elective grand officer be present, by the Master of the senior Lodge present.

127. No brother below the rank of a Past Grand Master shall assume the Grand Master's chair, though he be entitled in the absence of the Grand Master to rule Grand Lodge.

128. Grand Lodge is declared open in ample form when the Grand Master presides; in due form when a Past Grand Master or the Deputy Grand Master presides; at all other times, in form, yet with the same authority.

129. The Grand Master having taken his seat and opened Grand Lodge, the following shall be the order of business:

On the first day of the annual meeting—

- i. Confirming the minutes of previous meetings.
- ii. Reading and referring the Grand Master's address.
- iii. Reading communications, petitions, appeals, etc., and referring them for action.
- iv. Receiving the reports of the District Deputy Grand Masters, and referring them to the Board of General Purposes for consideration and report.
- v. Receiving the reports of the Board of General Purposes, and, if expedient, considering the same in the following order, viz.:
 - (a) The report on warrants.
 - (b) The report on printing and supplies.
 - (c) The report on audit and finance.
 - (d) The report on benevolence.
 - (e) The report on grievances and appeals.
 - (f) The report on the condition of Masonry.
 - (g) The report on Constitution and laws and jurisprudence.
 - (h) The report on fraternal dead.

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- (1) The report on foreign correspondence.
- vi. Receiving and, if expedient, considering the reports of special committees.
- vii. Considering notices of motion
- viii. Nominating officers.

On the second day the first business shall be the reception of the report of the Committee on credentials, and next the election of the officers of Grand Lodge. Thereafter, and on each succeeding day, the order shall be as follows :

- i. Reading communications, petitions, appeals, etc.
- ii. Considering reports in the order in which they are presented.
- iii. Receiving and, if expedient, considering further reports of the Board of General Purposes.
- iv. Receiving and, if expedient, considering reports of special committees.
- v. Considering motions, general business, etc.

The installation and investiture of officers shall take place immediately before the close of the meeting.

The order of business shall be called by the Grand Secretary at each meeting and may at any time be suspended or changed by a two-thirds vote of Grand Lodge, and not otherwise.

130. Grand Lodge may leave any particular matter to the determination of the Grand Master. Subject to this provision, all matters brought up for discussion in Grand Lodge shall be decided by a majority of votes, each brother present having one vote, and the Grand Master a casting vote in case of a tie. Each brother when voting shall hold up one of his hands. The Grand Deacons shall count the votes unless the numbers, in the opinion of the Grand Master, be so unequal as to render counting unnecessary.

131. When a brother appeals from the decision of the Grand Master given while Grand Lodge is in session (see Section 39) he shall state shortly the grounds for his appeal. The Grand Master may then state the reasons for his decision, and, without further debate, shall put the question, "Shall the decision of the chair be sustained?" When the vote has been taken the decision of Grand Lodge shall be announced.

Appeals from the ruling, decision or action of the Grand Master or any subordinate authority shall be brought before Grand Lodge in the manner provided by Section 41.

132. All members shall keep their seats, except the Grand Deacons, the Grand Director of Ceremonies and his assistant, and the Grand Stewards, who are allowed to move about from place to place in the discharge of their duties.

133. No brother shall speak twice on the same question, unless in explanation, or the mover of a motion in reply.

134. Every one who speaks shall rise and remain standing, addressing himself to the Grand Master ; and no brother shall presume to interrupt him except to address the Grand Master on a point of order. The Grand Master may call him to order.

135. If any brother shall have been twice called to order for transgressing these rules, and shall nevertheless be guilty of a third offence at the same session, the Grand Master may peremptorily command him to leave Grand Lodge for that session.

136. No motion on any new subject shall be made, nor any new matter entered upon, after eleven o'clock at night.

137. No money grants shall be made by Grand Lodge on the last day of the meeting, unless notice of an intended application therefor shall have been given on the preceding day.

Lodges.

138. A "Lodge" shall mean a Lodge working under a warrant of this Grand Lodge. A "Lodge under dispensation" shall mean a Lodge working under a dispensation from the Grand Master, and possessing no powers or privileges other than such as are conferred by its dispensation.

139. An "affiliated Mason" shall mean a brother who is a member of a Lodge. A brother who has attained the rank of Past Master under the jurisdiction of any Grand Lodge recognized by this Grand Lodge shall, upon affiliation with any Lodge under the jurisdiction of this Grand Lodge, be entitled to retain such rank.

140. A "joining brother" shall mean a brother who has been initiated in a Lodge or a Lodge under dispensation, or who hails from a foreign jurisdiction acknowledged by Grand Lodge, or who has been healed and, in either case, who is admitted a member of a Lodge or a Lodge under dispensation by affiliation according to this Constitution.

141. A resident in the Province of Ontario, who during such residence has been initiated into Masonry by any body beyond this jurisdiction, without the permission of the Grand Master, shall not be entitled to Masonic privileges except upon such terms as may be imposed by the Grand Master or Grand Lodge.

142. A brother who has been concerned in making Masons clandestinely, or who has assisted in forming a new Lodge without the Grand Master's authority, shall not be admitted as a member, or even a visitor, into any Lodge, or partake of the general charity or other Masonic privileges, until he makes due submission and obtains grace.

Officers of Lodges.

143. The officers of a Lodge are : The Master, Senior Warden, Junior Warden, Treasurer, Secretary, Senior Deacon, Junior Deacon, Inner Guard, two Stewards, and the Tyler, to which number may be added an Assistant Secretary, a Chaplain, a Director of Ceremonies and an Organist ; and they shall severally hold office until their successors, respectively, have been regularly elected or appointed and installed or invested in their stead. The Master only is installed, the other officers are invested, and no installation or investiture of any elective officer can be performed by proxy. The investiture of a Warden elected at the annual election, but not invested at the date of annual installation, shall redate back to the latter date.

144. No brother is eligible to the office of Master of a Lodge unless he shall have served for twelve months as Warden in a Lodge in his jurisdiction, and no brother shall be entitled to past rank in any office in the Lodge unless he has served a full term of twelve months. (See Section 85.)

145. No brother other than a charter member can be an offi-

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cer of a Lodge until he has been admitted a member thereof by ballot, in accordance with the Constitution.

146. A Lodge may by by-law invest its Master with the privilege of appointing the Wardens and Secretary, or provide that all or some of the officers of the Lodge shall be elected.

147. Subject to the foregoing provision, every Lodge shall annually elect by the vote of a majority of all the members present, its Master, Wardens, Treasurer and Secretary, by written ballots, and by an open vote its Tyler, two Auditors and an Examining Board composed of three Installed Masters, of whom the Worshipful Master may be one. At the next regular meeting of the Lodge following the election of the Master, and after the minutes have been read and approved, the question shall be put whether the election of the Master-elect shall be confirmed. If the election be confirmed he shall be duly installed in the chair according to ancient usage. No Master-elect shall assume the Master's chair until he shall have been regularly installed. If the election be not confirmed a summons must be issued for the following regular meeting of the Lodge setting forth that the brethren are again to proceed to elect a Master, and on confirmation of that election at the following regular meeting of the Lodge, the installation of the Master shall follow.

148. Two or more Lodges may by a resolution hold the installation and investiture of officers in the same lodge room, and for such purpose shall bring the minute books, by-laws and warrants to the place of installation.

149. No brother shall be installed Master of a Lodge unless the Examining Board reports that he is familiar with the duties of Master.

150. The Installation ceremony shall not be performed in public.

151. Every Master before being placed in the chair shall solemnly pledge himself to observe all the established usages and customs, to preserve the landmarks of the Order, and strictly to enforce them within his own Lodge.

152. The Master upon his installation shall appoint all the officers who are not elective, and all standing committees for conducting the business of the Lodge, and he shall invest or cause to be invested the elected and appointed officers.

153. An officer of a Lodge may resign his office. Should any officer die, resign his office or become permanently incapable, by removal or otherwise, of performing the duties thereof, a successor shall forthwith be elected or appointed. The Master of a Lodge, or, if the Mastership be vacant, the Senior Warden, or if he cannot act, the Junior Warden, shall see that, in the case of a vacancy in an elective office, the necessary steps be taken for a new election, which shall be held at a regular meeting of the Lodge or a meeting duly called for the purpose.

Tylers.

154. The Tyler shall be elected by the members of the Lodge and may at any time be removed for cause by a majority of the brethren present at any regular meeting.

155. The Tyler shall see that every member or visitor signs

his name in the attendance book, and is properly clothed before entering the Lodge.

Powers and Duty of the Master.

156. The Master is responsible for the due observance of the laws relating to Lodges, and is bound to produce all books, minutes and accounts when required by lawful authority.

157. The Master has not the power to suspend the declaration of the ballot. (See Sections 195, 196.)

158. The officers of a Lodge shall, when summoned so to do for the purpose of an enquiry, appear before the Grand Master, the Deputy Grand Master, the District Deputy Grand Master, or any board or committee lawfully constituted.

Lodge Moneys and Accounts.

159. All moneys received or paid on account of the Lodge shall be entered in proper books by the Secretary and Treasurer respectively. The accounts of the Lodge shall be duly audited at least once a year by the Auditors, who shall report such audit to the Lodge on the day appointed for the installation of officers and prior to such installation.

160. Each Lodge shall make its returns and payments semi-annually to the Grand Secretary, and in cases of failure for more than one year to make such returns and payments after the same are due, or to hold a meeting, it may be summoned to show cause why it should not be suspended, or why its warrant should not be withdrawn or declared forfeited. No representative of any Lodge which has neglected to make its returns and payments to Grand Lodge for more than one year shall be permitted to vote at any session thereof until such returns and payments respectively shall have been completed and made.

Lodge Meetings.

161. A Lodge of Emergency for the transaction of any particular business may, by direction of the Master, or, in his absence, the Senior Warden, or, in his absence, the Junior Warden, be called at any time on seven clear days' notice. The reason for calling such meeting shall be stated in the summons, and no business except that so stated shall be transacted at the meeting. A Lodge of Emergency for the purpose of attending the funeral of a deceased brother may be called by the like direction on reasonable notice.

162. The day and hour of the regular meetings of every Lodge shall be specified in the by-laws.

163. A summons for a regular meeting must be served seven clear days before the meeting. The posting of delivery of a summons shall be regarded as good service thereof.

164. The Master of every Lodge shall cause the Secretary to send a copy of every summons issued to the members of his Lodge to the District Deputy Grand Master of the district in which the Lodge is situated. He shall also cause to be sent to him, immediately after the installation of officers, on a form to be supplied by the Grand Secretary, a certified list of the officers of his Lodge, elected and appointed. He shall also cause to be sent to the Grand Secretary at least fourteen days

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before the annual meeting of Grand Lodge, the name of the proxy for Grand Lodge, if any has been appointed.

165. No jewels shall be worn in a Lodge other than those specified for the officers, except the jewel of a Past Master, a Grand Representative, and those of a Royal Arch Mason.

166. At all meetings of the Lodge, the Master, if present, shall preside. If he be not present, the Immediate Past Master, or, if he be not present, a Past Master of the Lodge shall take the chair. If no Past Master be present, the Senior Warden, or, in his absence, the Junior Warden, may rule the Lodge, but shall not confer degrees.

167. No brother below the rank of a Past Master shall assume the Master's chair.

168. None other than the authorized work is allowed to be practiced or administered in any Lodge, unless such Lodge is entitled to continue the work in any other form as a condition of its having submitted to the jurisdiction of Grand Lodge.

169. All voting in a Lodge shall be by show of hands, except in cases where the Constitution requires a ballot; or where the Lodge shall, by show of hands taken without debate, decide that a ballot be taken.

170. No motion to rescind or reconsider a resolution adopted by a Lodge shall be allowed unless notice thereof be given at the preceding regular meeting.

171. No Lodge has the power to adjourn from day to day.

172. At all meetings of a Lodge, whether regular or emergent, seven members shall be a quorum, and no business shall be transacted at any meeting unless at least seven members of the Lodge are present.

173. If any brother behave in such a manner as to disturb the harmony of the Lodge, and be admonished by the Master, and persist in his irregular conduct, the Master may order him to leave the Lodge and may suspend him if he disobey such order, or if his offence, in the opinion of the Master, justifies suspension. Such suspension, with the reason therefor, shall be forthwith reported by the Master to the District Deputy Grand Master of the District and shall last only until action is taken by him.

174. No brother shall violate the secrecy of the ballot on candidates for initiation or membership by stating how he voted or intended to vote (except as provided in Section 175), or by endeavoring to ascertain how a brother voted or by revealing a brother's vote.

175. In the case of a Masonic trial where the charge laid relates to a ballot for initiation or membership any brother shall be at liberty to disclose how he voted in that particular case.

Lodge Books and Records.

176. Every Lodge shall, besides the necessary account books, keep a minute book and a book in which the Secretary shall enter the names of the members of the Lodge, the dates of their proposal, admission or initiation, passing and raising, their ages as nearly as the same can be ascertained, titles, professions or trades, and the dates of their deaths, resignations, suspensions, expulsions and restorations.

177. Every Lodge shall keep a book, in which the members attending at each meeting shall sign their names before entering the Lodge; and a similar book, or portion of the same book, for visitors, who are in like manner to enter their names, Masonic rank, and the name of their mother Lodge, or the Lodge from which they hail.

Lodge Seal.

178. Every Lodge shall have a seal, to be affixed to all documents proper to be issued which require to be sealed. The seal shall not be affixed to any documents other than such as are issued by resolution of the Lodge, or required by the Constitution, which latter are as follows:

- i. Semi-annual returns of work.
- ii. Annual returns of officers installed.
- iii. By-laws.
- iv. Amendments to by-laws.
- v. Certificate of adoption of by-laws.
- vi. Copy of the summons giving notice of motion to consider by-laws or amendments which must accompany same when forwarded for confirmation by the Grand Master.
- vii. Applications for benevolence.
- viii. Annual return of moneys expended for benevolence.
- ix. Recommendation for a new Lodge.

An impression of the seal or of any amendment thereof shall be sent to the Grand Secretary.

Lodge By-laws.

179. Every Lodge may frame by-laws for its own government, which must be in harmony with the Constitution of Grand Lodge. The by-laws and any amendments made thereto must be sent in duplicate to the Grand Secretary under the seal of the Lodge for the approval of the Grand Master, and no by-laws or amendments shall be valid until so submitted and approved.

180. The by-laws of a Lodge shall be fairly written or printed in a book, and shall be delivered to the Master on the day of his installation. Every brother shall subscribe to them when he becomes a member of the Lodge, and shall at all reasonable times have access thereto and he shall be furnished by the Lodge with a printed copy on his initiation or affiliation. A copy thereof shall be sent to the Grand Secretary.

Initiation.

181. A candidate who can comply literally with all the ceremonies of the work of Grand Lodge, and who is mentally and morally worthy of admission, is a fit subject to become a Mason.

182. A candidate must at the time of his application be of the full age of 21 years, free born, his own master, and known to be in reputable circumstances.

183. No Lodge shall initiate more than five candidates in one day, except by dispensation of the Grand Master. No Lodge shall initiate a candidate until he has been balloted for and approved, and no rejected candidate for initiation shall be bal-

loted for in the same or any other Lodge within twelve months from the time of such rejection.

184. No Lodge shall make a Mason for a smaller fee than twenty dollars, or remit or postpone the payment of any part of this sum.

185. No person shall be made a Mason unless he has resided one year in the jurisdiction of the Lodge to which he seeks admission, or produces a certificate of character from the Lodge nearest to the place of his previous residence, with a dispensation granted by the Grand Master.

186. No Lodge shall initiate a candidate whose residence is within the jurisdiction of another Lodge, unless in a town or city where there are more Lodges than one, in which case the Lodges have concurrent jurisdiction. The jurisdiction extends in every direction half way to the nearest Lodge. For all purposes under this Constitution and the rules respecting Masonic trials, the residence of a married man shall be where his family resides; of an unmarried man where he is constantly employed and is in receipt of his income, wages or salary. Provided, however, that if an unmarried man is residing with his parents, or, his parents being dead is residing with his brothers or sisters within the jurisdiction of one Lodge, and is constantly employed and is in receipt of his income, wages or salary, within the jurisdiction of another Lodge, either place may be treated by him as his residence for the purpose of this and the next preceding clause.

187. When the place of residence of an applicant for initiation residing within this jurisdiction is nearer to a Lodge in another jurisdiction than to a Lodge within this jurisdiction, such nearer Lodge may receive and act upon the petition of the applicant; provided the Grand Lodge in such other jurisdiction permit the like privilege to Lodges in this jurisdiction.

Applications for Initiation.

188. An application for initiation shall be by petition in the form following. This petition shall be signed by the applicant with his full name, and shall be recommended by two members of the Lodge, Master Masons in good standing. It shall be sent to the Secretary of the Lodge and shall be read by him at the first regular meeting after its receipt.

Form of Petition.

To the Worshipful Master, Wardens and Brethren of _____
Lodge No. — on the register of the Grand Lodge of A. F.
& A. M. of Canada, in the Province of Ontario.

I _____ of the _____ of _____, in the County of _____ and Province of Ontario, aged _____ years, occupation _____, being free by birth and of mature age, do declare that, unbiassed by the improper solicitation of friends, and uninfluenced by mercenary or other unworthy motives, I freely and voluntarily offer myself a candidate for the mysteries of Masonry; that I am prompted by a favorable opinion conceived of the institution, and a desire for knowledge; that I will cheerfully conform to all the ancient usages and established customs of the Order; that I have resided within the jurisdiction of the Lodge to which this petition is to be presented for one year immediately prior to the date hereof, and

that I have not been rejected by this or any other Lodge within twelve months prior to the date hereof.

Witness my hand this — day of —, A. L. 59—.

(Signature in full.)

Recommended by _____

189. No application for initiation shall be passed upon by the Lodge unless notice thereof, stating particularly the name, age, occupation and residence of the candidate, shall have been given in the summons for the meeting at which the application is to be considered.

190. The petition on being presented shall be referred to a committee of the Lodge, whose duty it shall be to inquire into the character of the applicant and any other matters relevant to the petition and to report thereon to the Lodge at its next regular meeting.

191. If the report of the committee is favorable to the candidate, and if proper notice has been given, the ballot must be proceeded with at once. If proper notice has not been given the ballot shall stand over until the next regular meeting, of which proper notice shall be given.

192. It shall be the duty of the Master before the ballot is taken to satisfy himself that he has jurisdiction to initiate the petitioner, having regard to the provisions of Section 185.

193. By unanimous consent the ballot may be passed for two or more candidates at the same time, but if adverse it must be taken for each separately.

194. No person shall be initiated in a Lodge if on the ballot more than one black ball appears against him. A Lodge may, however, by by-law require the unanimous consent of the members present.

195. In the event of an adverse ballot on any application for initiation or affiliation the Master may order a second ballot if he has not already declared the candidate rejected.

196. Before declaring the result of the ballot the ballot box shall be placed on the altar for examination by any member of the Lodge. The result of the ballot having been declared by the Master, no further ballot is admissible.

197. In case objection be made to the initiation of a candidate after he has been balloted for and accepted, it shall be the duty of the Master to investigate the cause of such objection, and if he find the same well founded he shall not initiate such candidate until such objection is removed. If objection be made to the advancement of a brother, any member of the Lodge may require that such objection be placed in the form of a charge, and if not so placed at the next regular meeting of the Lodge the objection shall be of no effect.

198. Every candidate shall, on his initiation, solemnly promise to submit to the Constitution and to conform to all the usages and regulations of the Craft; he must on his initiation sign the by-laws of the Lodge, a copy of which, together with a copy of the Constitution of Grand Lodge, shall then be presented to him.

199. A candidate for initiation upon whom the committee has reported unfavorably, or against whom the ballot has been de-

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clared unfavorable by the Master, shall be considered a rejected candidate. No petition shall be received from any such rejected candidate dated within twelve months after the date of such rejection; and in case any candidate is rejected, either by unfavorable report or by adverse ballot, it shall be the duty of the Secretary to give immediate notice to the Masters of Lodges having concurrent jurisdiction.

200. Every candidate initiated in or affiliated with a Lodge becomes a member thereof from the date of his initiation or affiliation, and is liable for the regular Lodge dues.

201. Every Lodge shall register with the Grand Secretary the names of the brethren initiated or affiliated therein.

202. Should the Lodge neglect so to do any brother who has not been registered may apply to the Grand Secretary who, on proof being produced that he has paid the full fees of his Lodge, shall give him a certificate which shall entitle him to enjoy the full privileges of the Craft, and the offending Lodge shall be reported to Grand Lodge and shall be proceeded against for neglecting to make the proper return, and for detaining moneys which are the property of Grand Lodge.

203. The Lodge shall procure for every brother initiated therein a Grand Lodge certificate which shall be paid for by the Lodge.

204. No higher degree in Masonry shall be conferred on any brother at a shorter interval than four weeks from the date of his receiving a previous degree, except under dispensation from the Grand Master, nor, in any case, until he has passed an examination in open Lodge in such previous degree.

Affiliation.

205. No brother shall be admitted a member of a Lodge except upon petition signed by the applicant with his full name and presented in open Lodge at a regular meeting, nor unless notice of his name, occupation and place of abode, and the name and number of the Lodge of which he is or was last a member, shall have been embodied in the summons for the next regular meeting at which the application shall be considered, nor until he has been balloted for as hereinafter provided.

The form of petition shall be as follows :

To the Worshipful Master, Wardens and Brethren of _____
Lodge, No. _____ on the register of the Grand Lodge of A. F.
& A. M. of Canada, in the Province of Ontario :

Form of Petition.

I _____ of the _____ of _____, in the County of _____ and the Province of Ontario, occupation _____, aged _____ years, being a _____ Mason, and desirous of becoming a member of _____, No. _____.

I was initiated, passed and raised in _____ Lodge, No. _____ at _____, under the jurisdiction of the Grand Lodge of _____, and am in good Masonic standing. I was last a member of _____ Lodge, No. _____

Dated at _____ this _____ day of _____, 190

Signature in full _____

Recommended by _____

When a Lodge has ceased to meet, any member thereof shall be eligible to be proposed and admitted a member of another Lodge on producing a certificate from the Grand Secretary stating the fact and specifying that the brother has been registered and that his dues are paid.

206. If any member shall be under suspension from his Lodge or shall withdraw from it without having complied with its by-laws, or with the general regulations of the Craft, he shall not be eligible for admission to any other Lodge.

207. A brother suspended by a Lodge must, in order to obtain his certificate of standing, apply to that Lodge for restoration in the usual manner, as laid down in the regulations for the government of Masonic trials.

208. Every petition for affiliation shall be recommended by at least two members of the Lodge, Master Masons in good standing, and shall be referred to a committee of three or more appointed by the Master, which committee shall report to the Lodge at the next regular meeting before the ballot is taken, and should the report be unfavorable the applicant shall be considered rejected without a ballot.

209. The proceedings in connection with the balloting for joining members shall so far as applicable be the same as those in connection with the initiation of candidates.

210. An applicant for affiliation who has been rejected may apply again to the same or any other Lodge without waiting for any specified time.

Dimit.

211. Whenever a member of any Lodge shall resign he shall be furnished with a certificate of his standing, and should he be indebted to the Lodge the certificate must state the fact. In case of loss of a certificate of standing a certificate signed by the present Master and Secretary may be issued setting forth the facts contained in the original certificate.

212. The certificate of standing must be produced, together with the application for membership, to the Lodge of which the brother in whose favor the certificate is issued desires to become a joining member. Such certificate shall be filed in the archives of the Lodge which admits the brother as such joining member.

Visitors.

213. A brother in good standing, properly vouched for, may visit a Lodge in the discretion of the Master.

214. No visitor shall be admitted into a Lodge unless he is personally vouched for, or after due examination by one or more of the members present, nor unless he shall have entered his name, Masonic rank, the name of his mother Lodge or the Lodge from which he hails, in a book to be kept by every Lodge for that purpose; and during his continuance in the Lodge he is subject to its by-laws.

Life Membership.

215. Lodges may by by-law admit their members to life membership on such terms as they may determine. For each life member the Lodge may pay into Grand Lodge the sum of

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five dollars, which payment shall exempt the lodge from payment of further dues to Grand Lodge on his behalf.

216. Upon a life member withdrawing from the Lodge of which he originally became a life member, and joining any other Lodge, such other Lodge shall not be obliged to pay any annual dues to Grand Lodge on his account; nor, in case he become a life member of such other Lodge, shall it be obliged to pay a second fee therefor to Grand Lodge, but if such life member does not withdraw, and joins another Lodge, the latter Lodge shall be liable to Grand Lodge for his dues.

217. Life members shall be entitled to all the privileges of the Lodge, and shall be amenable to discipline in the same manner as ordinary members.

Honorary Membership.

218. Any brother who may have rendered service to the Craft in general, or to any particular Lodge may, by a three-fourths ballot vote of the members present, be elected an honorary member. Notice of motion for conferring such membership shall be given at a previous meeting and entered on the summons for the meeting at which the vote is to take place. The Lodge must include honorary members in its return to Grand Lodge and pay to Grand Lodge such dues as are payable for ordinary members.

Non-Payment of Dues.

219. Any brother who neglects to pay his dues may be suspended for such neglect by his Lodge, but shall be immediately restored without a ballot on payment of all arrears owing at the time of his suspension, and such further sum, if any, as the Lodge may require, not exceeding the amount of regular Lodge dues for the period he was suspended. Notice of such suspension or restoration respectively shall be given to the Grand Secretary and the District Deputy Grand Master of the district in which the lodge is situated.

220. A Lodge may remit the dues of any member provided a notice of motion for remission has been given at the regular meeting previous to that at which the vote is taken.

Miscellaneous.

221. The priority of Lodges is derived from the number of their warrant as recorded in the books of Grand Lodge. No Lodge shall be acknowledged, nor any of its officers admitted into Grand Lodge, nor any of its members entitled to partake of the general charity or other Masonic privileges, unless it has been regularly constituted and registered.

222. Every Lodge shall annually send a list to the Grand Secretary of the names of the Master, Wardens and Past Masters of the Lodge who are entitled to attend Grand Lodge. No brother shall be permitted to attend in Grand Lodge unless his name appears in such list.

223. A Lodge may require from its Treasurer or Secretary, or both, security for the funds committed to their care.

224. No member of a Lodge shall under any circumstances give a certificate or recommendation to enable a Mason to pro-

ceed from Lodge to Lodge as a pauper, or in any itinerant manner to apply to Lodges for relief.

225. The clothing, regalia and furniture of every Lodge belong to and are the property of the Master, Wardens and brethren of such Lodge.

226. If a Lodge be dissolved, its warrant and records shall be delivered up to the Grand Secretary.

227. If the warrant of a Lodge be sold, or procured by improper means, it shall be forfeited and the Lodge erased.

228. If the membership of a Lodge be reduced below seven its warrant ceases and the Lodge becomes extinct.

229. No Lodge shall be erased or its warrant declared forfeited until the Master, or in his absence the Wardens, shall have been notified in writing of the cause of complaint made against the Lodge and shall have been summoned to answer the same. (See Section 44.)

230. It is improper to hold a Lodge in any but a regular Lodge room, duly set apart and having the necessary ante-rooms for all the requirements of Masonry. Such regular Lodge room may be in a private house, and should as soon as possible be formally dedicated.

231. It is improper to allow a Lodge room to be used jointly with other societies or for other than Masonic purposes; this, however, shall not be construed as excluding bodies that claim to be Masonic and are founded on Craft Masonry.

232. It is improper to allow other societies to take part in the conduct of a Masonic funeral.

233. The expense of procuring the clothing and jewel for the District Deputy Grand Master shall be paid by the Lodges in each district, and each Lodge shall pay the travelling expenses of the District Deputy Grand Master to the extent of at least one visit in each year; also the travelling expenses of any brother who, at the request of the Lodge and by authority of the District Deputy Grand Master, attends such Lodge for giving instruction.

Suspension.

234. A Lodge has jurisdiction over its own members wherever they may reside, and also over all Masons, whether affiliated or not, who reside within its territorial jurisdiction; and non-affiliation of a brother is no bar to his suspension.

235. A Lodge cannot deprive a member of his privileges until after due trial and conviction.

236. Suspended members are deprived of all their Masonic rights and privileges.

237. The suspension of a Lodge places all its members under Masonic disability, except by dispensation to be granted by the Grand Master.

238. If any member shall be under suspension from his Lodge, or shall withdraw from it without having complied with its by-laws, or with the general regulations of the Craft, he shall not be eligible for admission to any other Lodge.

239. A brother suspended by a Lodge must, in order to obtain his certificate of standing, apply to that Lodge for restoration in the usual manner, as laid down in the rules for the government of Masonic trials.

Lodges of Instruction.

240. No District Lodge of Instruction shall be held unless by the sanction of a Lodge in the district and under a dispensation from the Grand Master or the District Deputy Grand Master. The Lodge giving this sanction, and the brethren to whom such dispensation is granted, shall be answerable for the proceedings of such Lodge of Instruction and responsible that the mode of working there adopted has received the sanction of Grand Lodge.

241. Notice of the time and place of meeting of a Lodge of Instruction shall be given to the Grand Secretary.

242. A minute shall be kept of all the proceedings and of the names of all brethren present at a Lodge of Instruction, and of brethren appointed to hold office therein, and such minute shall be produced when called for by the Grand Master, the District Deputy Grand Master or Lodge granting the sanction.

Public Processions and Functions.

243. Except at Masonic funerals no public procession or function of the brethren as Masons, with or without regalia, shall be allowed, or take place, without a dispensation from the Grand Master. The proceedings at any such procession or function (including a funeral), which may be attended by the brethren, shall be immediately reported by the Master or Masters of the Lodges taking part therein to the Grand Master through the Grand Secretary, and to the District Deputy Grand Masters of the Districts in which the Lodges are respectively situated.

244. If any brother shall appear in public clothed in the regalia of the Craft, except at a Masonic funeral, or an authorized public procession or function, he shall be subject to such penalty as the Grand Master shall impose. And if any Lodge shall so offend it shall stand suspended until Grand Lodge shall determine thereupon.

Fees.

245. The following shall be the fees payable to Grand Lodge :

For a dispensation for a Lodge, twenty dollars.

For a warrant, ten dollars.

For a new warrant, in case of loss by fire or otherwise properly certified, ten dollars.

For a dispensation to confer any degree in less time than four weeks, twenty dollars.

For a dispensation authorizing a Lodge to receive and act upon a petition from a candidate for initiation, who resides outside the jurisdiction of that Lodge, ten dollars, payable by the candidate.

For a dispensation authorizing a Lodge to receive and act upon a petition for initiation from a person who has not resided for one year within its jurisdiction, one dollar.

For a dispensation for any public procession or function, one dollar.

For a dispensation to elect and install (or either) at a time other than that fixed by the by-laws, one dollar.

For a Past Master's certificate, one dollar.

For every person initiated in a Lodge, three dollars, which shall entitle him to a registration and a Grand Lodge certificate. This must be paid on the registration of every initiate.

For every Mason joining from another Lodge, fifty cents.

For every member of each Lodge, fifty cents per annum.

For a duplicate certificate in case of loss, etc., one dollar.

Constituting a New Lodge.

246. Every application for a warrant to hold a new Lodge must be by petition to the Grand Master, signed by at least seven regularly registered Master Masons, and the Lodges to which they belong, or formerly belonged, must be specified. The petition must be recommended by the nearest Lodge, and in case of there being more than two Lodges in the jurisdiction, it shall require the recommendation of not less than one-half of said Lodges, and be transmitted to the District Deputy Grand Master, who is to forward it, with his recommendation or opinion thereon, to the Grand Secretary, to be submitted to the Grand Master. If the prayer of the petition be granted, the Grand Master may issue a dispensation authorizing the brethren to meet as a Lodge until the next annual meeting of Grand Lodge. If, in the opinion of the Grand Master, the recommendation of the nearest Lodge or Lodges be unreasonably withheld, he shall have the power to waive such recommendation.

247. A motion recommending a new Lodge is in order at a regular meeting of the nearest Lodge without previous notice.

248. The recommendation from the nearest Lodge or Lodges required for a petition must be passed in open Lodge upon a regular resolution, and signed by the Master and Secretary of the Lodge, with the seal of the Lodge attached, and in no case shall be given without such resolution and signatures. The following is the form of petition :

To the M. W. the Grand Master of the Fraternity of Ancient, Free and Accepted Masons of Canada, in the Province of Ontario :

We, the undersigned, being regularly registered Masons of the Lodges mentioned against our respective names, having the prosperity of the Craft at heart, are anxious to extend our best endeavors to promote and diffuse the general principles of the art ; and for the convenience of our respective dwellings and other good reasons, we are desirous of forming a new Lodge to be named _____ ; in consequence of this desire, we pray for a Warrant of Constitution, empowering us to meet as a regular Lodge at _____, in the County of _____ on the _____ of every month, and there to discharge the duties of Masonry in a constitutional manner, according to the forms of the Order and the laws of Grand Lodge ; and we have nominated and do recommend brother (A. B.) to be the first Master ; brother (C. D.) to be the first Senior Warden, and brother (E. F.) to be the first Junior Warden of the said Lodge. The prayer of this petition being granted, we promise strict obedi-

ence to the commands of the Grand Master and the laws and regulations of Grand Lodge.

249. No warrant for a new Lodge shall be granted until there is furnished by the District Deputy Grand Master a certificate to the effect that the Lodge which is working under dispensation is provided with suitable furniture and regalia. (See Section 69.)

250. Every new Lodge shall be constituted by the Grand Master; or, in his absence, by his deputy.

Lodges Under Dispensation.

251. It is not legal to install the Master of a Lodge under dispensation.

252. A Lodge under dispensation may be represented in Grand Lodge at the annual meeting at which a warrant is obtained, but not by a proxy.

253. A Lodge under dispensation shall transmit to the Grand Secretary, two weeks before the next annual meeting of Grand Lodge, its minute book and register. After receiving its warrant the dispensation shall immediately be returned to the Grand Secretary.

Amalgamation of Lodges.

254. Two or more Lodges may amalgamate under one warrant. Each Lodge shall adopt a resolution to that effect, and appoint a committee of three members to arrange the terms therefor. Notice of such resolutions shall be given at a preceding meeting in each Lodge.

The report of the committee, if favorable, shall recommend for adoption the name and number of one of the Lodges and the time and place for such amalgamation. On the approval of the report of the committee by the Lodges a copy thereof shall be mailed to the last known address of each member of said Lodges about to be amalgamated, and unless seven or more members of either of the Lodges notify the Secretary of their Lodge, in writing, of their objection to such amalgamation, within ten days from the date of mailing such notices, it shall be carried into effect as soon as the Grand Master shall approve of such amalgamation. The Grand Master, District Deputy Grand Master, or such other brother as the Grand Master may appoint, shall carry the amalgamation into effect by attending at the time and place named, when the members of the Lodge present shall choose, by ballot, the elective officers who, with the officers appointed by the Master-elect, shall be immediately installed or invested, if present.

The Secretary shall prepare and deliver to the Master-elect a list of the members of the amalgamated Lodge, which shall be signed by the Worshipful Master and Secretary, and forwarded to the Grand Secretary within one month after the amalgamation. Every member of any of the Lodges amalgamated shall be a member of the amalgamated Lodge, but any member may pay all his dues and withdraw before such amalgamation has been effected. Any member under suspension for any cause shall have the same rights in the amalgamated Lodge as he would have had in his own Lodge had such amalgamation not taken place.

Certificates.

255. The following Grand Lodge certificates may be issued :

To a brother upon being registered in the books of Grand Lodge as having been initiated, passed and raised in a Lodge.

To a brother who, either as an Entered Apprentice or as a Fellow Craft hailing from a foreign jurisdiction, has become a joining member of a Lodge, and who therein has received the remaining degree or degrees.

To a member of a Lodge which has ceased to meet, to enable him to affiliate with another Lodge ; such certificate to state the fact that he was a member, that he had been registered, and that his Grand Lodge dues are paid.

To any Past Master under this Grand Lodge who desires the same and pays therefor one dollar into the funds of Grand Lodge.

256. All Grand Lodge certificates shall be issued by the Grand Secretary, with the seal of Grand Lodge attached, and shall be in such form as the Board of General Purposes may from time to time direct.

257. Every brother shall be entitled to a Grand Lodge certificate immediately upon being registered in the books of Grand Lodge.

258. Every brother to whom a Grand Lodge certificate is granted must sign his name in the margin thereof, or it will not be valid.

259. No brother shall obtain a Grand Lodge certificate if he shall have been admitted to more than one degree of Masonry on the same day, or at a shorter interval than four weeks from his receiving a previous degree, unless by dispensation from the Grand Master.

260. Every return or other document upon which a Grand Lodge certificate is to be issued must specify not only the date of initiation, but also the days on which the brother was advanced to the second and third degrees.

261. All applications for Grand Lodge certificates must be made to the Grand Secretary, and if the name of a brother wishing for a certificate has not been previously registered the money payable on registration must be transmitted at the same time, as no certificate can on any account be issued until such money has been paid.

Masonic Clothing.

262. The following Masonic clothing and insignia shall be worn by the Craft :

Aprons.

Entered Apprentice.—A plain white lambskin, from fourteen to sixteen inches wide, twelve to fourteen inches deep, square at bottom, and without ornament; white strings.

Fellow Craft.—A plain white lambskin, similar to that of the Entered Apprentice, with the addition of two sky-blue rosettes at the bottom.

Master Mason.—The same, with sky-blue lining and edging one and a half inches deep, and an additional rosette on the fall or flap, and silver tassels. No other color or orna-

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ment shall be allowed except to Officers and Past Officers of Lodges, who may have the emblems of their office in sky-blue in the centre of the apron.

The Master and Past Masters of Lodges.—To wear in lieu and in the place of the three rosettes on the Master's apron perpendicular lines upon horizontal lines, thereby forming three several sets of two right angles, the length of the horizontal lines to be two inches and a half each, and of the perpendicular lines one inch, these emblems to be of ribbon, half an inch broad, and of the same color as the lining and edging of apron, or of silver. If grand or past grand officers, similar emblems of garter blue and gold.

Grand Stewards of the Year.—Aprons from fourteen to sixteen inches wide, twelve to fourteen inches deep, lined with crimson, edging of the same color, three and a half inches, bound with silver and silver tassels, with the emblems of their office in silver and crimson in the center. The fringe of silver.

Other appointed Grand Officers of the Grand Lodge. Present and Past, and Past Grand Stewards.—Apron of the same dimensions, lined with garter blue, edgings of the same color, three and a half inches, bound with gold and gold tassels, with the emblems of their office in gold and blue in the centre. The fringe of gold bullion.

District Deputy Grand Masters, Grand Wardens, Grand Chaplain, Grand Treasurer, Grand Secretary, Grand Registrar, Present and Past.—Aprons lined with garter blue, edgings of the same color, three and a half inches, bound with gold and gold tassels, with the emblems of their office in gold within an embossed wreath, composed of the acacia and seven-eared wheat, embroidered in the centre, and acacia and seven-eared wheat, embroidered on the edging, one on each side. The fringe of gold bullion.

Deputy Grand Master, Present and Past.—Apron lined with garter blue, edgings of the same color, bound with gold and gold tassels, with the emblem of his office in gold within an embossed wreath, composed of the acacia and seven-eared wheat embroidered in the centre, and the pomegranate and lotus alternately embroidered on the edging. The fringe of gold bullion.

Grand Master, Present and Past.—Apron lined with garter blue, edgings of the same color, bound with gold and gold tassels, and to be ornamented with the blazing sun embroidered in gold in the centre, on the edging the pomegranate and the lotus, with the seven-eared wheat at each corner, and also on the fall, all in gold embroidery. The fringe of gold bullion.

Collars.

Grand Master, Present and Past.—Chain of gold, or metal gilt, over blue collar designated by nine stars.

Deputy Grand Master, Present and Past.—Chain of gold, or metal gilt, over blue collar designated by seven stars.

District Deputy Grand Masters, Grand Wardens, Grand Chaplain, Grand Treasurer, Grand Secretary, Grand Registrar, Present and Past.—Collars of garter blue ribbon, four inches broad, embroidered with the seven-eared wheat and the acacia in gold, one on each side.

Grand Stewards of the Year.—Collars of crimson, four inches broad, bound with silver lace.

Other appointed Grand Officers, Present and Past, and Past Grand Stewards.—Collars of garter blue ribbon, four inches broad, and bound with gold lace.

Lodge Officers.—Collars of light blue ribbon, four inches broad. If silver chain be used for W. M. it must be placed over the light blue ribbon.

Gauntlets.

All Elected Grand Officers, Present and Past.—Gauntlets of garter blue, bound with gold, and the jewel of their office, within an embossed wreath, composed of the acacia and seven-eared wheat embroidered in gold on the face.

Jewels.

Grand Master.—The compasses extended to 45 degrees, with the segment of a circle at the points, and a gold plate included, on which is to be represented an eye irradiated within a triangle, also irradiated.

Past Grand Master.—A similar jewel without the gold plate.

Deputy Grand Master.—The compasses and square united, with a five-pointed star in the centre.

Past Deputy Grand Master.—The compasses and square only.

District Deputy Grand Master.—The compasses and square united, with a five-pointed star in the centre, the whole to be placed within a circle, on which is the name and number of the district.

Past District Deputy Grand Master.—The same, omitting the five-pointed star in the centre.

Grand Senior Warden, Present and Past.—The level.

Grand Junior Warden, Present and Past.—The plumb.

Grand Chaplain, Present and Past.—A book on the triangle.

Grand Treasurer, Present and Past.—A chased key.

Grand Secretary, Present and Past.—Crossed pens with a tie.

Grand Registrar, Present and Past.—A scroll.

Grand Deacons, Present and Past.—Dove and Olive Branch.

Grand Superintendent of Works, Present and Past.—A semi-circle protractor.

Grand Director of Ceremonies, Present and Past.—Crossed rods.

Grand Sword Bearer, Present and Past.—Crossed swords.

Grand Organist, Present and Past.—A lyre.

Grand Pursuivant, Present and Past.—Arms of Grand Lodge, with rod and sword crossed.

Grand Standard Bearers, Present and Past.—Two staves crossed, tied by a ribbon, flowing from them two standards of the arms of Grand Lodge.

The jewels of the Grand Chaplain, Treasurer, Secretary, Registrar, Senior Deacon, Superintendent of Works, Director of Ceremonies, Sword Bearer, Organist, Pursuivant and Standard Bearer, are to be within a circle, with an embossed wreath, composed of a sprig of acacia and an ear of corn; and of the

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Grand Junior Deacon, Assistant Grand Secretary, Assistant Grand Director of Ceremonies, and Assistant Grand Organist, to be similar to those of their senior and superior officers, the wreath on the circle being omitted.

The jewel of the Grand Stewards of Grand Lodge is a cornucopia, between the legs of a pair of compasses, extended upon an irradiated gold plate, within a circle on which is engraven, "Grand Lodge of Ancient, Free and Accepted Masons of Canada, in the Province of Ontario."

Grand Tyler.—The sword in a circle, on which is engraven "The Grand Lodge of Canada in the Province of Ontario, Grand Tyler."

All the above jewels to be gold or gilt.

Past Grand Masters, Past Deputy Grand Masters and Past District Deputy Grand Masters are entitled to wear pendent to their collars the jewel designating their past rank; all other Past Grand Officers to wear their collar without a pendent jewel, a similar but smaller jewel in enamel to be worn on the breast.

Masters of Lodges.—The square.

Past Masters.—The square and the diagram of the 47th Prob. 1st book Euclid, engraven on a silver plate, pendent within.

Senior Warden.—The level.

Junior Warden.—The plumb.

Chaplain.—A book on a triangle.

Treasurer.—The key.

Secretary.—The crossed pens.

Deacons.—The dove.

Director of Ceremonies.—The crossed rods.

Organist.—The lyre.

Inner Guard.—The crossed swords.

Stewards.—The cornucopia.

Tyler.—The sword.

All the above jewels to be of silver.

In Grand Lodge and on all occasions where the Grand Officers appear in their official capacities, they shall wear the following Masonic clothing and insignia :

Grand Master, Present and Past.—Chain of gold or metal gilt, with nine stars, over blue collar, gauntlets and apron, all bound and embroidered in gold, and jewel.

Deputy Grand Master, Present and Past.—Chain of gold or metal gilt, with seven stars, over blue collar, gauntlets and apron, all bound and embroidered in gold, and jewel.

District Deputy Grand Master, Present and Past, Grand Wardens, Chaplain, Treasurer, Secretary and Registrar, Present and Past.—Blue collar, gauntlets, apron, all bound and embroidered in gold, and jewel.

Grand Stewards of the Year.—Crimson collar and apron, all bound in silver, and jewel.

All other Grand Officers of Grand Lodge, Present and Past, and Past Grand Stewards.—Blue collar and apron, all bound in gold, and jewel.

All collars, chains and jewels described in this section must be made strictly according to the respective designs given in the plates appended hereto.

Undress Clothing.

The following undress regalia and insignia may be worn by Past Grand Officers and members of Grand Lodge.

Aprons.

- Past Grand Master.**—A plain white lambskin, eighteen inches wide, sixteen inches deep, inclusive of a four-inch garter blue ribbon border, ornamented with the blazing sun embroidered in blue silk in the centre, with three levels in blue silk, and gilt chain tassels.
- Past Deputy Grand Master.**—Apron of same dimensions, with the square and compass embroidered in blue silk in the centre, within a wreath of corn and acacia.
- Past District Deputy Grand Master.**—Apron of the same dimensions, bordered with four-inch wide garter blue ribbon, with the name or number of the district in a circle, surmounting a square and compass, embroidered in blue silk in the centre.
- Past Grand Senior Warden.**—Apron of same dimensions, with the level, embroidered in blue silk, in the centre, with in a wreath of corn and acacia.
- Past Grand Junior Warden.**—Apron of same dimensions, with the plumb, embroidered in blue silk, in the centre, with a wreath of corn and acacia.
- Past Grand Chaplain.**—Apron of same dimensions, with the Book within the triangle, surmounting a glory or radiated star of 12 points.
- Past Grand Treasurer.**—Apron of same dimensions, with key embroidered in blue silk, within a wreath of corn and acacia.
- Past Grand Secretary.**—Apron of same dimensions, with two pens in saltire or crossed over, tied by a ribbon, within a wreath of corn and acacia.
- Past Grand Registrar.**—Apron of same dimensions, with a scroll with seal appended, embroidered in blue silk in the centre within a wreath of corn and acacia.
- Past Grand Deacon.**—Apron of same dimensions, with the dove and olive branch embroidered in blue silk in the centre of a wreath of corn and acacia.
- Past Grand Superintendent of Work.**—Apron of same dimensions, with a semi-circular protractor embroidered in blue silk within a wreath of corn and acacia.
- Past Grand Director of Ceremonies.**—Apron of same dimensions, with two rods in saltire or crossed over tied by a ribbon, embroidered in blue silk within a wreath of corn and acacia.
- Past Assistant Grand Secretary.**—Same as Grand Secretary, but with the word "Assistant" placed above the crossed pens.
- Past Assistant Director of Ceremonies.**—Same as Director of Ceremonies, but with the word "Assistant" above and between the two upper ends of the rods.
- Past Grand Sword Bearer.**—Apron of same dimensions, with two swords in saltire or crossed over, embroidered in blue silk within a wreath of corn and acacia in the centre.

Past Grand Organist.—Apron of same dimensions, with a lyre or harp embroidered in blue silk, within a wreath of corn and acacia, in the centre.

Past Grand Pursuivant.—Apron of same dimensions, with arms of Grand Lodge surmounting a sword and rod, saltire or crossed, embroidered in blue silk, within a wreath of corn and acacia in the centre.

Past Grand Stewards.—Apron of same dimensions, but with crimson edging four inches wide with a flap, bordered with ribbon two inches wide and levels of crimson silk and silver tassels hanging from this with crimson ribbon, no embroidery in the centre.

Past Grand Standard Bearer.—Apron of similar dimensions, with the two staves in saltire, tied by a ribbon flowing from the dexter, a standard of the arms of the Grand Lodge, and from the sinister a standard of the arms of the Grand Master for the time being.

Collars and jewels.

All collars to be of plain garter blue ribbon, four inches wide, and appended the jewel of the office in an oval wreath of gold.

RULES OF GRAND LODGE.

1.—RULES RESPECTING TRIALS FOR MASONIC OFFENCES AND PROCEEDINGS THEREON.

Offences.

1. The following are Masonic offences :

Atheism.

Contempt for God and religion.

Any violation of the Constitution, laws, edicts, rules or regulations of Grand Lodge.

Any violation of the By-laws of a Lodge by a member thereof.

Disobedience to those in authority or contemptuous language towards them.

Contemptuous expressions regarding Masonry.

Any intentional violation of the technical parts or points of the several Masonic obligations.

Any violation of the particular injunctions of the ritual or any of the landmarks of Masonry.

Improper revelations.

Countenance of imposters.

Masonic communion with clandestine Masons or irregular Lodges.

Violation of the secrecy of the ballot.

Undue solicitation of candidates.

Wronging a Mason by fraud.

Using a Masonic emblem as a trademark or business sign.

All public crimes and misdemeanors involving moral turpitude.

Drunkenness and profligacy.

Fighting.

Adultery and all lascivious association whether with the relative of a Mason or with a stranger.

Cruelty to wife or child.

Jurisdiction.

2. For any offence against the by-laws of his Lodge a Mason shall be tried by the Lodge to which he belongs.

3. For any other Masonic offence a Mason shall be tried by the Lodge to which he belongs, or by the Lodge nearest his place of residence, or by a commission to be appointed by the Grand Master.

4. A trial resulting in conviction or acquittal shall be a bar to any other prosecution for the same offence.

Service of Papers.

5. Service of any brother of papers in connection with a Masonic trial or any appeal connected therewith, when such service is required by the rules, shall be effected in the following manner :

If the residence of the brother is known and he resides within the jurisdiction he shall be served personally.

If his residence is known and he resides out of the jurisdiction, he shall either be served personally or a copy of such paper shall be sent to him by mail prepaid and registered, addressed to him at his proper postoffice address.

If his residence is unknown a copy of such paper shall be sent to him by mail prepaid and registered addressed to him at his last known place of residence, or left at such known place of residence with a grown-up member of his family.

When a definite number of days' service by posting is required by any of the following rules, the day of posting the paper to be served shall count as one day.

The following rules shall apply to a trial by a Lodge, but shall also govern as far as applicable a trial by a commission.

Procedure.

6. A charge of Masonic offence shall be made in writing. It shall be signed by the accuser, who must be an affiliated Master Mason in good standing. It shall specify with reasonable certainty the particulars of the offence alleged, and the time and place of its commission, and it shall be filed by the accuser with the Secretary of the Lodge which is to try the case.

7. The charge shall be read at the first regular meeting of the Lodge which shall occur after the lapse of ten clear days from the day on which the same is filed.

8. On a charge being filed with the Secretary of the Lodge, he shall with the summons for the next meeting, send notice to all the members thereof that such charge has been received and of the time when the same shall be read.

9. The proceedings in connection with the trial after charges have been filed shall, subject to the control of the Master of the Lodge, be conducted under the supervision of the Junior Warden, whose duty it shall be to see that the rules respecting Masonic trials are adhered to, that the accused brother has ample opportunity to prepare his defence, and that

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the trial is brought to a close as expeditiously as may be reasonable.

10. When the charge shall be presented and read the Lodge shall decide by a majority vote whether it shall be accepted, and the accused brother be placed on trial, or shall be dismissed. If the charge is accepted it cannot be withdrawn except for good cause shown, and by the vote of two-thirds of the members present. The charge shall not be amended except by a majority vote and on due notice to the accused.

11. Immediately upon the acceptance of a charge by a Lodge, the Master shall appoint the time and place of trial, and shall cause the accused to be served with a duly attested copy of the charge and the particulars, if any, and a notice stating the time and place appointed for the trial thereof. The time shall be so fixed as to give the accused reasonable time to prepare his defence.

12. Should the accused neglect to attend at the time and place of trial after notice has been served on him, the Lodge may at the time in such notice specified proceed in his absence and conduct the proceedings to a final issue. Provided, that at least one regular meeting shall intervene between the time of serving such notice, and any action by the Lodge in pursuance thereof. In the absence of the accused the Lodge shall appoint a competent brother to act for him as his counsel or representative.

13. In every case where a flagrant offence shall be committed by any Mason present while the Lodge is at labor, the foregoing rules requiring notice and delay may be dispensed with, and the Master may order the offending brother to show cause instantly why he should not be punished, and may in his discretion proceed, or permit the Lodge to proceed to trial and suspension.

14. The trial of charges may proceed at any meeting appointed for the purpose. In case it be not completed at one meeting, it may be continued at any subsequent meeting to which the same may be postponed. Notice of any postponement or adjournment shall be given to all parties concerned.

15. Every trial shall be prosecuted with as much despatch as the law governing the same and full justice to the accuser and the accused will permit.

16. Witnesses in Masonic trials who are Masons must be in good standing. They shall give their testimony on their honor as Masons.

17. Witnesses in Masonic trials who are not Masons must be of such religious belief as would justify their evidence being received in a Court of Justice. They shall solemnly pledge themselves to state the truth, the whole truth, and nothing but the truth.

18. The rules respecting evidence in Courts of Justice shall apply as far as the same can be made applicable to evidence at Masonic trials.

19. The evidence of both the accuser and the accused, if offered, shall be received at any Masonic trial.

20. The evidence of witnesses who are Masons may be taken in open Lodge, or by a special committee appointed by the Master. Witnesses who are not Masons shall be examined

only by a committee appointed for the purpose by the Master. In either case the accuser and the accused in person, or a brother Mason as counsel or representative, shall be entitled to be present and to examine or cross-examine the witnesses.

21. The testimony of any witnesses unable to attend the Lodge or committee may be taken by deposition before a Mason authorized by the Master to act in the matter, due notice of the time and place having first been given to all parties concerned.

22. It shall be the duty of the accuser and the accused to secure the attendance of their respective witnesses who are not Masons; and through the Master and Secretary of the Lodge they may, when necessary, summon as a witness any resident Mason, whether he be a member of the Lodge or not.

23. When testimony is taken in open Lodge the Lodge shall be opened in the first degree; but the decision as to guilt or innocence, and the question of punishment, shall be severally determined in and by a Lodge of Master Masons.

24. The Master shall decide all questions as to the relevancy of the evidence and the regularity of the proceedings; and the Secretary or other person appointed for that purpose by the Master shall take down in writing the evidence submitted by both the accuser and the accused and note all objections made by either. The evidence, objections and rulings shall be filed among the archives of the Lodge, and the main facts of the case shall be entered upon the Lodge records.

25. At the conclusion of the evidence the accuser and the accused in person, or their counsel or representative may, if they desire, address such relevant remarks to the Lodge upon the merits of the case as may be deemed proper; after which the accuser and the accused shall retire from the Lodge. Any member entitled to vote may express his views on the case and the law and the facts involved, and no member shall be permitted to withdraw from the Lodge until after final action, except for urgent reasons and with the consent of two-thirds of the members present.

26. A committee for the purpose of taking evidence shall consist of not less than three members of the Lodge, any of whom may for reasonable cause to be fully explained by the objecting party may be removed by the Master, who shall appoint another in his place.

27. Every such committee shall select from their number a Chairman and Secretary, and when so organized shall have power, through the Master and Secretary of the Lodge, to summon before them the accuser and the accused with their respective witnesses.

28. The proceedings of such committee shall be governed by the foregoing provisions as far as applicable. The duties of the Master and Secretary of the Lodge above prescribed shall apply to and may be discharged by the Chairman and Secretary of the committee.

29. The committee may sit whenever and as often as it may deem best for the interests of Masonry and the full investigation of the complaint before them.

30. When the committee have concluded their labors they shall report their proceedings and all the evidence to the

Lodge; and upon the accuser and accused retiring any member of the Lodge present may express his views of the case, and may require any portion or the whole of the evidence to be read to enable him to come to a decision.

31. In case the accused brother shall plead guilty, such plea shall be accepted as evidence, and shall render the taking of further proof unnecessary; but such plea shall not excuse the Lodge from voting upon the question of guilt or innocence.

32. No visitor shall attend the Lodge or committee for any purpose other than giving testimony during any of the proceedings of a Masonic trial, unless permission be granted by the Master or by the Lodge, or by the committee when the proceedings are before a committee.

Judgment.

33. At the conclusion of the trial the question of "guilty" or "not guilty" shall be immediately and distinctly put by the Master, upon each charge in its order, which shall be voted upon separately, and every member present must vote by ballot. It shall require a vote of a majority to sustain the charge.

34. If any charge shall be sustained the accused shall then and there be declared "guilty" and the Master shall put the question as to whether he shall be suspended indefinitely, suspended for a definite time, or reprimanded. Each of these questions shall be put separately, in the above order, if necessary, and shall be decided by a majority of the members present, all of whom must vote by ballot. The Lodge may also, by a like ballot, recommend to Grand Lodge that the offender be expelled.

35. When any Mason shall have been suspended by a Lodge he shall be notified of his suspension by the Secretary, who shall also immediately report the same to the Grand Secretary. When any brother shall have been acquitted he shall be notified of his acquittal by the Master in open Lodge, if present, and by the Secretary in writing.

Punishment.

36. The punishment which shall be inflicted by Lodges for a "Masonic offence" shall be in the discretion of the Lodge either "indefinite suspension," "definite suspension," or "reprimand," and must be inflicted by the vote of a majority of the members present.

37. The penalty of suspension and the duration thereof may be voted upon together or separately.

38. No "definite suspension" shall be voted for a longer term than three years, nor for a less term than three months.

39. "Reprimand" shall be the least Masonic punishment, and when voted by a majority of the members present shall be administered in open Lodge by the Master.

40. Suspension for any offence subjects the offender and his family during its continuance to an absolute deprivation of all the rights, privileges and benefits of Masonry.

Appeals.

41. The accuser or accused or any member of the Lodge may appeal from any verdict or sentence in the case rendered or

adjudged, or from any vote or decision of a Lodge or commission upon the subject of any charge, and such appeal may be made to the Grand Master or to Grand Lodge. If the appeal is to Grand Lodge it shall be heard at the first annual meeting thereof which occurs after the lapse of ten days from the time the notice of appeal is given.

42. The notice of appeal shall be in writing, shall be signed by the appellant and shall contain a statement of the case and the reasons of appeal. It shall be filed with the Grand Secretary within the time limited for serving notice of appeal.

43. The appellant shall give the Lodge appealed from, or the chairman of the commission notice of his intention to appeal within twenty-one days after notice of its action or decision has been served upon him, and the Secretary of such Lodge, under the direction of the Master, or the chairman of the commission, shall, at least ten days before the annual meeting of Grand Lodge, produce to the Grand Secretary, and also give to the appellant, and to any brother affected by the decision appealed from, if demanded, on payment of the sum of ten cents per folio therefor, a certified copy of all the charges, papers, proceedings and evidence in the case.

44. Should the appeal not be made in time for the next meeting of Grand Lodge held after the appeal is taken, it shall stand over until the next subsequent annual meeting of Grand Lodge, or it may be disposed of by the Grand Master during recess.

45. Upon hearing an appeal the Grand Master or Grand Lodge may dismiss the appeal or affirm the decision appealed from, or

Modify or change a decision, or sentence, or inflict penalty where the constituent Lodge has failed to do so; or

Set aside the proceedings of the Lodge for informality and remand the case for further proceedings, or

Give such directions as may be reasonable and proper.

46. In all cases of appeal the Grand Master or Grand Lodge may authorize the District Deputy Grand Master to investigate the case and report thereon with his opinion.

47. Whenever the Grand Master or Grand Lodge on a review of a trial or other proceedings of a Lodge, or a commission properly appointed, resulting in the suspension of a Mason, shall reverse or annul the judgment upon said proceedings, or shall order a new trial, the accused shall be thereby restored to all his rights, privileges and membership. When a case is remanded for a new trial no amendment shall be made to the original charges unless the accused have due and timely notice thereof.

Trial by Commission.

48. When a case is tried by commission the proceedings thereof shall be under its control. The charge shall be sent to the chairman of the commission by the Grand Secretary with the notice of the appointment thereof and with any special instructions which may be given by the Grand Master.

49. The Grand Master may at any stage of a case before verdict or judgment is pronounced withdraw a case from trial by a Lodge and refer the same to a commission for trial. The

commission shall, as nearly as practicable, follow the procedure laid down for trial by a Lodge, but shall have power to do all things necessary for the proper discharge of the duties entrusted to it. It shall have the same jurisdiction as the Lodges possess respecting the summoning of witnesses and the taking of evidence.

50. The commission shall decide upon the questions of guilt or innocence and punishment in the same manner as a Lodge is authorized to decide, and shall report its conclusions to the Grand Secretary to be laid before the Grand Master.

51. The accuser and accused shall have the same right of appeal as is given from the verdict or decision of a Lodge, and the proceedings on such appeal shall be similar to those on appeal from such verdict or decision.

Suspension Expulsion, Restoration.

52. Every Lodge shall communicate to the Grand Secretary and to the District Deputy Grand Master of the district in which the Lodge is situated all suspensions as they may severally occur.

53. A suspended Mason may be restored by Grand Lodge or by the Lodge in appeal which suspended him.

54. A Mason suspended indefinitely seeking restoration shall petition the Lodge by which he was suspended for his restoration. The petition shall be received at a regular meeting of the Lodge and shall lie over until the next regular meeting thereafter, before final action thereon.

55. The Secretary of the Lodge shall notify all the members of the Lodge of such petition at least one week before the meeting at which the question of restoration is to be voted upon.

56. The vote on the restoration shall be by ballot, and it shall require a two-thirds vote of the members present for its adoption. Such vote shall be taken in a Lodge of Master Masons.

57. If the Lodge has ceased to exist the petition may be made direct to Grand Lodge.

58. Definite suspension shall expire by limitation, and any member so suspended shall be entitled to resume membership and all rights and privileges thereof, at the expiration of the time defined in his sentence, without vote or other action on the part of the Lodge.

59. In all cases of restoration by Grand Lodge the restored brother resumes the status of a non-affiliated brother.

60. In all cases of restoration by a Lodge the brother is restored to all his Masonic rights and privileges, including membership in his Lodge.

61. When a Lodge recommends to Grand Lodge, as provided in Rule 34, that a brother be expelled, the recommendation shall be forwarded to the Grand Secretary at least ten days before the next annual meeting of Grand Lodge, to be laid before the Board of General Purposes, which shall report thereon to Grand Lodge. Should the report confirm such recommendation and be adopted by Grand Lodge, the brother shall be summoned to appear before the Board of General Pur-

poses and Grand Lodge at the next annual meeting thereof to show cause why he should not be expelled, and the Board, when the matter comes up for consideration, shall recommend to Grand Lodge such action in the matter as may seem just or expedient. Should such a recommendation and papers reach the Grand Secretary in sufficient time to admit of the service of a notice upon the convicted brother, the Grand Secretary shall serve a ten day's notice upon him, either personally or by registered letter addressed to him at his last known address, requiring him to show cause at the next annual meeting of Grand Lodge why he should not be expelled for his offence.

62. It shall be the duty of the Grand Secretary to see that the summons required by the preceding section is duly served.

63. Should a brother who has been expelled desire to be restored he may at any time after his sentence of expulsion file with the Grand Secretary, at least thirty days before an annual session of Grand Lodge, a petition which shall contain a copy of the charge upon which he was tried and a statement of the grounds upon which he seeks restoration. The petition must be accompanied by a favorable recommendation of the Lodge from which he was suspended, or the Lodge within whose jurisdiction he has continuously resided for the twelve months next preceding the presentation of his petition, passed by a two-thirds vote in and by a Lodge of Master Masons at a regular communication.

Masters and Lodges.

64. A Worshipful Master may be tried by his Lodge after the expiration of his official term for any Masonic offence (except official misconduct or a violation of his obligations). At all such trials the District Deputy Grand Master shall preside. All complaints for official misconduct shall be made to the proper authority during the official term of the offender, or within four weeks after the close of such term, otherwise he shall not be tried therefor.

65. When a controversy shall arise between Lodges, or between a Lodge and its Master, resulting in charges being preferred, or an informal complaint made, the same shall be filed with the Grand Secretary, who shall forward the same to the Grand Master; if the matter be deemed by him of a sufficiently grave character to warrant investigation, he may appoint a commission of not more than seven nor less than three Masters, or Past Masters, with the District Deputy Grand Master as Chairman, unless there is good reason why he should not act, to investigate any charges or complaint. Such commission shall have authority to summon witnesses and shall have such other powers as may be specially delegated to them by the Grand Master, and shall make such report and give such opinion to the Grand Master as will enable him to make a final decision.

66. When the Master or other officer of a Lodge shall be deposed from office only, he shall not thereby be deprived of any of the rights or privileges of membership.

Non-Payment of Dues.

67. Any member of a Lodge who is in arrears for dues to such Lodge shall be proceeded against in accordance with the provisions of the by-laws of such Lodge in respect to the same, and the Book of Constitution.

68. In case no provision has been made in the by-laws of a Lodge for notice to and procedure against a member for non-payment of dues, the following procedure shall be adopted:

69. In case the dues of a member remain unpaid for twelve months, it shall be the duty of the Secretary of the Lodge to read out the name of such member in default at a regular meeting thereof, after which a special summons to appear at the next regular meeting of the Lodge to show cause why he should not be suspended, together with a statement of the amount of dues remaining unpaid, shall be sent to such member. Such summons shall be deemed duly served if mailed to the last known address of such member at least seven clear days before the next meeting.

70. In case such member shall not, before such next regular meeting of the Lodge, have paid the amount of such dues, and no such excuse be offered as the Lodge may deem sufficient, the Master shall forthwith declare such brother suspended for non-payment of dues, and the Secretary shall notify the brother and the District Deputy Grand Master of the district of such suspension.

71. If any excuse be offered, the Lodge shall decide by a majority whether the same is sufficient or not.

72. Any Mason suspended for non-payment of dues seeking reinstatement shall, on payment of dues, be restored to membership in accordance with the Constitution of Grand Lodge without presenting a petition; provided, that if a Lodge from which a Mason shall have been suspended for non-payment of dues has ceased to exist, a petition for reinstatement may be made to Grand Lodge.

**II.—RULES RESPECTING GRANTS FOR
BENEVOLENCE.**

1. Grand Lodge grants to a brother or to relatives of a deceased brother are to be considered as supplementary aid to that given by the Lodge or Local Board of Relief recommending the application, and it shall be imperative to have given such aid during the twelve months last preceding the date of such application, to record the same in the minute book and to state the same in the application. Provided, that where a Lodge in its return shows that it has, during said period, given local aid, though such local aid was not given to the applicant or applicants, the same shall nevertheless be considered as aid given in compliance with this rule.

2. It shall be competent for one or more Lodges to form themselves into a Local Board of Relief, and for such Board to frame a code of by-laws and elect a Chairman and a Secretary-Treasurer, and when the formation of such Board and its by-laws have been approved by the Board of General Purposes

the same shall be a duly constituted Local Board of Relief under Grand Lodge.

3. All applications for relief must be made upon a printed form, which will be furnished by the Grand Secretary when applied for. They shall be sent to, and be in the possession of the Grand Secretary before the first day of June immediately preceding the annual meeting of Grand Lodge in each and every year. It is imperative that the fullest possible information be given in the several blanks in such printed form, whether the application is made for the first time or for the renewal of a grant.

4. All applications for relief shall be made through a Lodge, and shall be signed by the Master and Secretary thereof, with the seal of the Lodge affixed, and in no case shall an application be made through an individual brother. And it shall be imperative for every Lodge intending to recommend an application for relief, to pass a resolution to that effect in open Lodge, record the same in its minute book, and attach to each application for relief a copy thereof, signed by the Master or presiding officer and the Secretary of the Lodge, and having the seal of the Lodge attached thereto. All applications for relief recommended by Lodges situated in any city or town in which there is a Local Board of Relief, acknowledged as such by Grand Lodge, shall be transmitted to Grand Lodge through the Local Board of Relief.

5. In cases of pressing need arising between meetings of Grand Lodge interim grants for purposes of temporary relief may be made by the Chairman of the Committee on Benevolence with the approval of the Most Worshipful the Grand Master and the President of the Board of General Purposes.

6. Grants shall be payable in two equal half-yearly payments by cheques issued by the Grand Secretary, and signed by him and the Grand Treasurer and countersigned by the President of the Board of General Purposes, in favor of the grantee and the Master of the Lodge, or of the Secretary-Treasurer of the Local Board of Relief, and such cheques shall require the endorsement of both the grantee and of the Master or Secretary-Treasurer (as the case may be) before being honored. In all cases in which grants are made payable through the Master of a Lodge, it shall be his duty to report to the Lodge the receipt of such cheque or cheques, and the Secretary shall record the report in the minute book of the Lodge. Whenever there is a Local Board of Relief, acknowledged as such by Grand Lodge, in any city or town, all grants made to parties recommended by any Lodge within the limit of such city or town, shall be made payable through the Secretary-Treasurer of the Local Board of Relief. In special cases this rule may be varied by the chairman of the committee with the consent of the President of the Board.

7. All Lodges through whose Master, and all Local Board of Relief through whose Secretary-Treasurer, cheques have been made payable shall, on or before the first day of June immediately preceding the annual meeting of Grand Lodge, forward to the Grand Secretary a return upon a printed form which form shall be furnished by the Grand Secretary. []

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such return there shall be shown in detail the whole amount of the grant or grants received during the current fiscal year, as also the whole amount in detail of the grant or grants paid over to the grantee or grantees during that period; together with such other information as may be required by the form of return. The return shall be signed by the Master and Secretary of such Lodge, and have its seal affixed thereto, or by the Chairman and Secretary-Treasurer of the Local Board of Relief.

8. No cheque for any subsequent grant shall be issued until the return of preceding grants shall have been received and found to be correct by the Committee on Benevolence or Board of General Purposes.

9. If any Lodge or Local Board of Relief neglect to make the return within one year from the date when such subsequent grant was made the grant shall be considered forfeited.

10. All forms of application and returns are from time to time to be prepared by the Board of General Purposes. The Board shall also from time to time decide upon the maximum amount of grants to be made in the various classes of cases.

11. No grant may be made to an unaffiliated brother, nor to relatives of a deceased brother who at the time of his death was an unaffiliated Mason, except in cases when it is shown that the brother was not at fault, or indifferent to his duty.

12. It shall be the duty of each District Deputy Grand Master, on the occasion of his official visit to the Lodges in his district, to ascertain whether any cases of distress exist which should be recommended to Grand Lodge for relief, and if so, to direct the attention of the officers of the Lodge to those rules. It shall also be the duty of each District Deputy Grand Master to direct the attention of the Lodges in his district through whose Masters cheques have previously been made payable, to the necessity of making proper return for such grants; and in all cases, of which he is advised, where such Lodges at any time have failed to make such return, he shall make due enquiry into the cause thereof, use his best endeavors to have the return forwarded to the Grand Secretary, and to report upon such enquiry to Grand Lodge.

13. Lodges or Local Boards of Relief which fail to comply with the foregoing rules have no claim for the consideration of applications for relief.

14. The Chairman of the Committee on Benevolence shall prepare and lay before the Board of General Purposes, at its first meeting, held immediately before each annual meeting of Grand Lodge, and for the purpose of being printed for the information of Grand Lodge, a report in such a form as may from time to time be devised by the Board of General Purposes, respecting the returns made by Local Boards of Relief and by Lodges, and the applications for relief recommended by the same.

PRAYERS.

Invocation—First Degree.

Vouchsafe Thine aid, Almighty Father and Supreme Governor of the Universe, to this our present convention, and grant

that this candidate for Masonry may so dedicate and devote his life to Thy service as to become a true and faithful brother among us. Endow him with a competency of Thy Divine wisdom, that, assisted by the secrets of this, our Masonic art, he may be better enabled to display the beauties of true godliness, to the honor and glory of Thy holy name. So mote it be.

Invocation—Second Degree.

We supplicate a continuance of Thine aid, O merciful God, on behalf of ourselves and of him who kneels before Thee. May the work begun in Thy name be continued to Thy glory, and evermore established in us by obedience to Thy holy precepts. So mote it be.

Invocation—Third Degree.

Almighty and Eternal Being, the glorious Architect and ruler of the Universe, at whose creative fiat all things first were made, we, the frail creatures of Thy providence, humbly implore Thee to pour down on this convocation assembled in Thy holy name the continual dew of Thy blessing. More especially, we beseech Thee, to impart Thy grace to this Thy servant, who offers himself a candidate to partake with us the mysterious secrets of a Master Mason. Endow him with such fortitude that in the hour of trial he fail not, but pass him safely under Thy protection through the valley of the shadow of death, that he may finally arise from the tomb of transgression to shine as the stars for ever and ever. So mote it be.

THE CHARGES.

Charge to the Newly Initiated Candidate.

As you have now passed through the ceremony of your initiation, allow me to congratulate you on being admitted a member of our ancient and honorable society. Ancient, as having existed from time immemorial, and honorable because by a natural tendency it conduces to make all those honorable who are strictly obedient to its precepts. Indeed, no institution can boast of a more solid foundation than that on which Freemasonry rests—the practice of social and moral virtue; and to so high an eminence has its credit been advanced that in every age monarchs themselves have been promoters of the art; have not thought it derogatory from their dignity to exchange the sceptre for the gavel; have patronized our mysteries and have joined our assemblies. As a Mason, I would first recommend to your most serious contemplation the volume of the sacred law, charging you to consider it the unerring standard of truth and justice, and to regulate your actions by the divine precepts which it contains. Therein you will be taught the important duty you owe to God, to your neighbor, and to yourself. To God, by never mentioning His name but with that awe and reverence which are due from the creature to his creator, by imploring His aid in all your lawful undertakings, and by looking up to Him in every emergency for comfort and support. To your neighbor, by acting with him on the square, by rendering to him every kind office which justice

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or mercy may require, by relieving his distresses, by soothing his afflictions, and by doing to him as in similar cases you would wish he should do unto you; and to yourself, by such a prudent and well regulated course of discipline as may best conduce to the preservation of your corporeal and mental faculties in their fullest energies, thereby enabling you to exert those talents wherewith God has blessed you, as well to His glory as to the welfare of your fellow creatures.

As a citizen of the world, I am next to enjoin you to be exemplary in the discharge of your civil duties by never proposing or at all countenancing any act that may have a tendency to subvert the peace and good order of society; by paying due obedience to the laws of the state which may for a time become the place of your residence or afford you its protection; and, above all, by never losing sight of the allegiance due to the sovereign of your native land; ever remembering that nature has implanted in your breast a sacred and indissoluble attachment to that country from which you derived your birth and infant nurture.

As an individual I am further to recommend the practice of every domestic as well as public virtue. Let prudence direct you, temperance chasten you, fortitude support you, and justice be the guide of all your actions, and be especially careful to maintain in their fullest splendor those truly Masonic ornaments, benevolence and charity.

Still, however, as a Mason, there are other excellencies of character to which your attention may be peculiarly and forcibly directed. Among the foremost of these are secrecy, fidelity and obedience.

Secrecy may be said to consist in the inviolable adherence to the obligations you have entered into, never improperly to reveal any of those Masonic secrets which have now been, or may at any future time, be entrusted to your keeping, and cautiously to shun all occasions which may inadvertently lead you to do so.

Your fidelity must be exemplified by a strict observance of the constitutions of the Fraternity, by never attempting to extort or otherwise unduly obtain the secrets of a superior degree, and by refraining to recommend anyone to a participation of our secrets unless you have strong ground to believe that, by a similar fidelity, he will ultimately reflect honor on our choice.

So must your obedience be proved by a close conformity to our laws and regulations, by prompt attention to all signs and summonses, by modest and correct demeanor while in the Lodge, by abstaining from every topic of religious or political discussion, by ready acquiescence in all votes and resolutions duly passed by the brethren, and by perfect submission to the Master and his Wardens while acting in the discharge of their respective offices.

And, as a last general recommendation, let me exhort you to dedicate yourself to such pursuits as may enable you to become at once respectable in your rank of life, useful to mankind, and an ornament to the society of which you have this day been admitted a member; to devote your leisure hours

more especially to the study of such of the liberal arts and sciences as may lie within the compass of your attainment, and without neglecting the ordinary duties of your station to consider yourself called on to make a daily advancement in Masonic knowledge.

From the very commendable attention which you appear to have given to this charge I am led to hope that you will appreciate the excellency of Freemasonry and print indelibly on your mind the sacred duties of truth, of honor, and of virtue.

Charge to the Newly Passed Candidate.

Brother. Being advanced to the second degree of Masonry, we congratulate you on your preferment. The internal and not external qualifications of a man are what Masonry regards. As you increase in knowledge, so you will consequently improve in social intercourse. It is unnecessary for me to recapitulate the duties which, as a Mason, you are bound to discharge, or to enlarge on the necessity of a strict adherence to them, as your own experience may have established their value. It may be sufficient to observe that, as your past behaviour and regular deportment have merited the honor which we have conferred, in your new character it is expected that you will not only conform to the principles of the Order, but steadily persevere in the practice of every virtue. The study of the liberal arts, that valuable branch of education which tends so effectually to polish and adorn the mind, is earnestly recommended to your consideration—especially geometry, which is established as the basis of our art. Geometry, or Masonry, originally synonymous terms, is of a divine and moral nature, enriched with the most useful knowledge, so that while it proves the wonderful properties of nature, it demonstrates the more important truths of morality.

As the solemnity of our ceremonies requires a serious deportment, you are to be particularly attentive to your behaviour at our regular assemblies. You are to preserve our ancient usages and customs sacred and inviolable, and induce others, by your example, to hold them in due veneration.

The laws and regulations of the Order you are strenuously to support and maintain. You are not to palliate or aggravate the offences of the brethren; but in the decision of every trespass against our rules, judge with candor, admonish with friendship, and reprehend with mercy.

As a Craftsman, in our private assemblies, you may offer your sentiments and opinion on such subjects as are regularly introduced in the lecture, under the superintendence of an experienced Master, who will guard the landmarks against encroachment. By this privilege you may improve your intellectual powers, qualify yourself to become a useful member of society, and like a skillful Craftsman strive to excel in what is good and great.

You are to encourage industry and reward merit, supply the wants and relieve the necessities of brethren and fellows to the utmost of your power and ability, and on no account wrong them or see them wronged, but apprise them of ap-

proaching danger and view their interests as inseparable from your own.

Such is the nature of your engagements as a Craftman, and these duties you are now bound, by the most sacred ties, to observe.

Charge to the Newly Raised Candidate.

Brother. Your zeal for the institution of Freemasonry, the progress you have already made and your conformity to our general regulations, have pointed you out as a fit object of esteem and favor. In the Character of a Master Mason you are henceforth authorized to correct the errors and irregularities of your younger brethren and guard them against a breach of fidelity. To improve the morals and correct the manners of men in society ought to be your constant care. You are to inculcate universal benevolence, and by the regularity of your behaviour afford the best example for the conduct of others. The ancient landmarks of the Order you are to preserve sacred and inviolable, and never suffer an infringement of our customs or a deviation from established usage.

Duty, honor and gratitude now bind you to your trust; let no motive, therefore, ever make you swerve from your duty, but be true and faithful and imitate the example of that celebrated artist whom you have once represented. Endeavor, in a word, to convince the world that merit has been your title to our privileges, and that on you our favors have not been undeservedly bestowed.

It was moved by R. W. Bro. James H. Burritt, seconded by R. W. Bro. W. George Eakins, and

Resolved, That the clauses providing for undress regalia be struck out, and that the draft Constitution as thus amended be adopted.

SCRUTINEERS OF THE BALLOT.

The M. W. the Grand Master appointed the following scrutineers of the ballot for grand officers and elective members of the Board of General Purposes:

R. W. BRO. J. B. NIXON.

- W. Bro. E. F. Lazier, Temple Lodge, No. 324.
- " W. A. Henderson, Victoria Lodge, No. 56.
- " Donald Ross, St. Lawrence Lodge, No. 131.
- " M. A. Armstrong, Hanover Lodge, No. 432.
- " George Stewart, Springfield Lodge, No. 259.
- " H. E. N. Sinclair, Lebanon Lodge, No. 139.
- " A. McBeth, Tecumseh Lodge, No. 144.
- " J. G. Harris, St. George's Lodge, No. 15.
- " John Pearson, St. Andrew's Lodge, No. 16.
- " H. Wright, North Star Lodge, No. 323.
- " R. H. Revel, Windsor Lodge, No. 403.
- " J. C. Scitt, Dalhousie Lodge, No. 52.

- W. Bro. Horace Pratt, Doric Lodge, No. 52.
 " A. E. Taylor, Rising Sun Lodge, No. 129.
 " J. R. Mencke, Palmer Lodge, No. 372.
 " H. M. Little, St. George's Lodge, No. 88.
 " George Muller, Springfield Lodge, No. 259.
 " Erland Lee, Wentworth Lodge, No. 166.
 " James Aylesworth, Lorne Lodge, No. 404.
 " H. T. Smith, St. Andrew's Lodge, No. 16.
 " J. B. Hay, Zetland Lodge, No. 326.
 " R. C. Harrie, Rehoboth Lodge, No. 65.
 " T. A. G. Gordon, Alvinston Lodge, No. 323.
 " Fred. G. Perney, The Builders Lodge, No. 177.
 " J. A. Yorrick, Strict Observance Lodge, No. 27.
 " William Duncan, York Lodge, No. 156.
 " B. Cairns, Orient Lodge, No. 339.

CALLED OFF.

The Grand Lodge was called from labor to refreshment, to meet again at 2.30 o'clock p. m.

The Grand Lodge resumed labor at 3.15 o'clock p. m.

It was moved by M. W. Bro. Walkem, seconded by R. W. Bro. John Hoodless, and

Resolved, That the grant of \$200.00 made last year for the undress regalia be cancelled.

It was moved by R. W. Bro. James H. Burritt, seconded by R. W. Bro. Geo. S. May, and

Resolved, That the report of the Board on Audit and Finance be adopted.

It was moved by R. W. Bro. James H. Burritt, Deputy Grand Master, seconded by R. W. Bro. R. L. Gunn, and

Resolved, That the report of the Board on Benevolence be adopted.

It was moved by R. W. Bro. James H. Burritt, Deputy Grand Master, seconded by R. W. Bro. W. D. McPherson, and

Resolved, That the hearty thanks of Grand Lodge are due and are hereby tendered to R. W. Bro. W. Geo. Eakins for the faithful and most satisfactory performance by him during the past two years of the duties of Chairman of the Special Committee having in hand the revision of the Constitution of Grand Lodge, and in addition thereto for the preparation by him personally of the very complete index to the new Constitution this

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day adopted, and that a copy of this resolution be transmitted to R. W. Bro. Eakins by the Grand Secretary.

It was moved by R. W. Bro. James H. Burritt, Deputy Grand Master, seconded by M. W. Bro. Henry Robertson, and

Resolved, That the cordial thanks of Grand Lodge are hereby tendered to the Committee of Management of the Hamilton Lodges for the holding of the Grand Annual Communication, and particularly to R. W. Bro. Hoodless, Chairman of the Committee for his untiring and successful performance by him of the duties of that office.

ELECTION OF OFFICERS.

R. W. Bro. J. B. Nixon, on behalf of the Scrutineers of the Ballot, presented the following report of the names of brethren elected to the several offices and to the Board of General Purposes:

M. W. Bro. James H. Burritt, K. C., Pembroke, Grand Master.
R. W. Bro. Augustus T. Freed, Hamilton, Deputy Grand Master.

R. W. Bro. Frederick J. Howell, Hamilton, Grand Senior Warden.

R. W. Bro. Henry T. White, Toronto, Grand Junior Warden.

M. W. Bro. Elias T. Malone, K. C., Toronto, Grand Treasurer.

M. W. Bro. Hugh Murray, Hamilton, Grand Secretary.

R. W. Bro. John Lawson, London, Grand Registrar.

R. W. Bro. Frederick E. Howitt, Hamilton, Grand Chaplain.

And by open vote of Grand Lodge—

Bro. James M. Pritchard, Toronto, Grand Tyler.

BOARD OF GENERAL PURPOSES.

R. W. Bro. A. F. Webster, Toronto.

R. W. Bro. J. C. Morgan, Barrie.

R. W. Bro. R. L. Gunn, Hamilton.

R. W. Bro. G. S. May, Ottawa.

R. W. Bro. J. A. Macfadden, Stratford.

Subsequently the M. W. the Grand Master was pleased to announce the following appointments on the Board for the ensuing term of two years, viz.:

R. W. Bro. Aubrey White, Toronto.

R. W. Bro. William Roaf, Toronto.

R. W. Bro. Allan McLean, Kingston.

R. W. Bro. D. B. Simpson, K. C., Bowmanville.

R. W. Bro. Levi Secord, Brantford.

DISTRICT DEPUTY GRAND MASTERS.

The following brethren were nominated by the Representatives of Lodges and Past Masters of the respective districts, and were confirmed by the M. W. the Grand Master, viz.:

R. W. Bro. Geo. B. Crumb...	Chatham....	Erie	Dist. No. 1
" S. E. Cornell.....	Sarnia.....	St. Clair	" 2
" J. A. Tancock.....	London.....	London	" 3
" L. H. Dickson.....	Exeter.....	South Huron	" 4
" Peter McLaren.....	Paisley.....	North Huron	" 5
" J. R. Waddle.....	Port Dover...	Wilson	" 6
" W. G. Stephenson...	Guelph.....	Wellington	" 7
" J. O. McGregor, M.D..	Waterdown..	Hamilton	" 8
" A. D. Knight.....	Collingwood..	Georgian	" 9
" Robt. McDonald.....	Hagersville..	Niagara	" 10
" E. M. Carleton, M.D..	Toronto.....	Toronto West	" 11
" Fred. W. Harcourt..	Toronto.....	Toronto East	" 11a
" J. W. Watson.....	Minden.....	Ontario	" 12
" W. N. Ponton.....	Belleville....	Pr. Edward	" 13
" W. S. Herrington, K.C.	Napanee.....	Frontenac	" 14
" W. H. Waddell.....	N. Augusta..	St. Lawrence	" 15
" A. S. Gorrell.....	Ashton. ...	Ottawa	" 16
" Donald Robertson...	Rainy River..	Algoma	" 17
" H. D. Leask.....	North Bay...	Nipissing	" 18
" A. Carmichael, M.D..	Sundridge..	Muskoka	" 19
" John Hull.....	Lakefield..	Otonabee	" 20
" A. M. Fulton.....	Chesterville..	Eastern	" 21

NEXT PLACE OF MEETING.

Toronto was unanimously chosen as the meeting place of the next annual communication of Grand Lodge.

INSTALLATION OF OFFICERS.

M. W. Bro. A. A. Stevenson proceeded with the installation and investiture of the newly-elected officers, who were proclaimed and saluted with the customary Masonic honors.

It was moved by M. W. Bro. Hugh Murray, seconded by R. W. Bro. W. George Eakins, and

Resolved, That M. W. Bro. J. Ross Robertson be the Grand Historian of Grand Lodge.

INSTALLATION OF D. D. G. M's.

The M. W. the Grand Master appointed M. W. Bro.

Hugh Murray to instruct the newly-installed District Deputy Grand Masters in the secret work and in the duties of their office generally.

BEQUEST TO GRAND LODGE.

M. W. Bro. Walkem presented the following form of bequest:

I give and bequeath to the Grand Secretary and Grand Treasurer, for the time being, of the Grand Lodge of Ancient, Free and Accepted Masons of Canada, in the Province of Ontario, the sum of to be handed over by them to the said Grand Lodge and placed to the credit of the Benevolent Fund thereof, to be used for any purpose for which such Benevolent Fund is or may hereafter be used, in accordance with the rules and regulations prescribed from time to time by the said Grand Lodge.

It was moved by M. W. Bro. Walkem, seconded by R. W. Bro. Eakins, and

Resolved, That the form of Bequest to Grand Lodge be received and adopted.

THANKS TO BOARD OF SCRUTINEERS

It was moved by R. W. Bro. D. F. Macwatt, seconded by R. W. Bro. J. C. Hegler, and

Resolved, That the thanks of Grand Lodge be and they are hereby tendered to R. W. Bro. J. B. Nixon and the worshipful brethren who have been associated with him, for the careful and satisfactory performances of their duties as Scrutineers.

THANKS TO BOARD OF CREDENTIALS.

It was moved by R. W. Bro. J. C. Hegler, seconded by R. W. Bro. W. D. McPherson, and

Resolved, That the thanks of Grand Lodge are hereby tendered to the Board of Credentials for their arduous services during the meeting of Grand Lodge.

TESTIMONIAL TO M. W. BRO. BENJAMIN ALLEN.

It was moved by R. W. Bro. W. D. McPherson, seconded by R. W. Bro. J. C. Hegler, and

Resolved, That a committee be appointed to procure and present a suitable testimonial to M. W. Bro. Benjamin Allen, Past Grand Master, in recognition of his valuable services to the Craft during his term of office.

The M. W. the Grand Master appointed the following committee for this purpose:

R. W. Bro. A. T. Freed, M. W. Bros. E. T. Malone and Hugh Murray.

It was moved by M. W. Bro. Benjamin Allen, seconded by M. W. Bro. A. A. Stevenson, and

Resolved, That the thanks of Grand Lodge are due and are hereby tendered to R. W. Bro. Thomas Lester for acting as Grand Senior Warden during the whole of this session of Grand Lodge.

APPOINTED OFFICERS.

The M. W. the Grand Master was pleased to announce the following appointments for the ensuing year:

- V. W. Bro. John G. Forgie, Pembroke, Grand Senior Deacon.
- " Henry T. Smith, Toronto, Grand Junior Deacon.
- " Thomas W. Barber, Toronto, Grand Director of Ceremonies.
- " Simeon Gove, Aultsville, Assistant Grand Secretary.
- " Albert J. Brown, Comber, Asst. Grand Director of Ceremonies.
- " David Collins, Galt, Grand Sword Bearer.
- " Peter McG. Brown, Camlachie, Grand Organist.
- " Wilfrid B. Race, Watford, Grand Superintendent of Works.
- " Wm. J. Bruce, Kincardine, Asst. Grand Organist.
- " Wm. Wickett, St. Thomas, Grand Pursuivant.
- " Franklin Smoke, Paris, Grand Steward.
- " Thomas Pedler, Hamilton, Grand Steward.
- " Wm. H. Tudhope, Orillia, Grand Steward.
- " Robt. G. Hoover, Thorold, Grand Steward.
- " Geo. K. Clemens, Toronto, Grand Steward.
- " Albert J. Davis, Port Perry, Grand Steward.
- " Chas. J. Wensley, Campbellford, Grand Steward.
- " John Smeaton, Kingston, Grand Steward.
- " John Dunlop, Merrickville, Grand Steward.
- " Herbert W. Wilson, Ottawa, Grand Steward.
- " Thos. J. Cherry, Keewatin, Grand Steward.
- " Wm. L. Nichols, Thessalon, Grand Steward.
- " Jabez H. Elliott, Gravenhurst, Grand Standard Bearer.
- " Jos. F. Pearce, Norwood, Grand Standard Bearer.

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THE GRAND LODGE CLOSED.

The business of Grand Lodge being ended, it was closed at 4.45 o'clock p. m. in ample form.

ATTEST:



Hugh Murray
Grand Secretary.

RETURNS OF LODGES AS AT JUNE 24.

Also Receipts From Lodges for the Year Ended 31st
Lodges marked (a) held their Installation of Officers on the Festival

No. of Lodge.	Lodge.	Where Held.	Night of Meeting.	W. Master.	Secretary
2	Niagara	Niagara	W on or b f m	B. P. St. John	F. W. Cooley
3	The An. St. John	Kingston	1st Thursday	Geo. Craggan	G. W. H. Conant
4	Seeser	Rockville	3rd Monday	Henry Rath	Geo. E. Dewey
5	The Barton	Hamilton	1st Friday	Geo. Moore	Geo. H. Bull
7	Union	Ormsby	Th on or b f m	A. F. Hawke	A. E. Phipps
8	Union	Napahes	F on or b f m	W. B. Harrington	Wm. A. Grange
10	Norfolk	Simcoe	Tu on or b f m	Hugh P. Jones	J. Porter
11	Moura	Helleville	W on or b f m	E. V. Milburn	John Newton
14	True Britons	Perth	1st Monday	W. J. McKerracher	F. V. Bigham
15	St. George's	St. Catharines	Tu on or b f m	Kenneth F. Vine	A. N. Lindsay
16	St. Andrew's	Toronto	2nd Tuesday	John Burnish	J. T. Slater
17	St. John's	Colborne	Tu on or b f m	John W. C. Odell	Robert Bush
18	Prince Edward	Pictou	Th on or b f m	G. M. Harminston	H. H. Hubbs
20	St. John's	London	2nd Tuesday	John Tambling	M. D. Dawson
21	St. John's	Vankleek Hill	Tu on or b f m	C. S. Bennett	K. D. Macleod
22	King Solomon's	Toronto	3rd Thursday	Frank Malle	Norman Elder
23	Richmond	Richmond Hill	W on or b f m	David Hill	H. A. Nicholls
24	St. Francis	Smith's Falls	F on or b f m	Oscar Coghlan	J. A. Houston
25	Alone	Toronto	1st Tuesday	E. J. Dunstan	H. Mowat
26	Ontario	Port Hope	3rd Thursday	F. H. Brown	W. J. Robertson
27	District Observance	Hamilton	3rd Friday	Frank Hills	Wm. C. Morris
28	Mount Zion	Kemptville	W b f m	W. L. Phelps	B. H. Goss
29	United	Brighton	Th on or b f m	H. E. M. Levett	D. C. H. Becker
30	Composite	Whitby	1st Thursday	W. J. H. Rich'den	H. S. Cormack
31	Jerusalem	Bowmanville	W on or b f m	J. E. Moorecraft	C. B. Kent
32	Amity	Dunnville	W on or a f m	E. J. Atkins	H. W. Riley
33	Marland	Goderich	2nd Tuesday	John Galt	G. L. Parsons
34	Thistle	Amherstburg	Tu on or b f m	A. W. Marsh	A. L. Bennett
35	St. John's	Cayuga	Th on or a f m	Benj. Dunn	W. U. Anthony
37	King Hiram	Ingersoll	1st Friday	J. W. Patterson	H. T. Agar
38	Trent	Trenton	Tuesday b. f. m	J. H. Campbell	H. H. Spencer
39	Mount Zion	Brooklin	Tu on or b f m	Chas. Calder	John J. Moore
40	St. John's	Hamilton	3rd Thursday	C. H. Zimmerman	W. J. McAllister
41	St. George's	Kingville	Th on or b f m	F. J. Voaden	Geo. Humble
42	St. George's	London	1st Thursday	W. A. Tabor	A. Ellis
43	King Solomon's	Woodstock	1st Tuesday	F. W. Mason	A. McGachie
44	St. Thomas	St. Thomas	1st Thursday	F. S. Minshall	L. Slater
45	Brant	Brantford	2nd Tuesday	J. B. Gamble	Geo. Whitwell
46	Wellington	Chatham	1st Monday	A. E. Jewett	Alex. Gregory
47	Great Western	Winchester	Th on or b f m	Arthur K. Patrick	Geo. E. White
48	Madoc	Madoc	Tu on or b f m	A. H. M. Conner	A. H. Watson
50	Consecon	Consecon	F on or b f m	W. W. Leslie	J. E. Osborn
52	Dalhousie	Ottawa	1st Tuesday	John C. Scott	C. R. Scott
54	Vaughan	Maple	Tu on or b f m	J. B. Maclean	L. Richardson
55	Merrickville	Merrickville	Tu on or b f m	W. J. J. Rust	O. B. Magee
58	Victoria	Barrie	1st Tuesday	W. A. Henderson	F. C. Watson
57	Harmony	Windsor	W on or b f m	Arch. Jarvis	J. F. Bagn
58	Idrie	Ottawa	1st Friday	Herman Pratt	R. O. Croil
61	Acacia	Hamilton	2nd Friday	W. W. Barlow	Burwell Griffin
62	St. Andrew's	Caledonia	W on or b f m	James McGregor	John Thompson
63	St. John's	Carleton Place	3rd Wednesday	W. J. Mairhead	A. T. Hudson
64	Kilwinning	London	3rd Thursday	W. W. Gammage	John Overell
65	Rehoboth	Toronto	1st Thursday	R. C. Harris	Geo. H. Mitchell
66	Durham	Newcastle	Tu on or b f m	Alex. McLeod	Joe R. Allen
67	St. John's	Ingersoll	3rd Friday	David Owen	B. M. Douglas
68	Stirling	Stirling	Th after f m	B. S. Ashley	G. W. Bailey
71	Alma	Galt	Last Tuesday	W. J. Taggart	A. J. Oliver
72	St. James	St. Marys	1st Monday	A. C. Jackson	J. A. Donald
73	St. James	St. Augusta	1st Monday	G. A. Macpherson	W. R. Collier
74	St. John's	Toronto	1st Monday	Alex. Fraser	James Knowles
75	Oxford	Woodstock	2nd Monday	W. J. Pannell	Robt. Anderson
77	Smith's Brethren	Lindsay	1st Friday	James H. Bagg	R. O. Cornell
78	King Hiram	Tilsonburg	W on or b f m	A. L. Baker	A. E. Baynes
79	Nipigon	Bradford	4th Monday	Geo. O. Green	A. E. Scanlon
81	St. John's	Mt. Brydges	Tu on or b f m	T. A. McEvoy	Thomas C. West
82	St. John's	Perth	2nd Tuesday	H. S. Macpherson	S. T. Taylor

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1905, AND LAST RETURNS RECEIVED.

May, 1905, and Ledger Balances at that Date.

of St. John the Evangelist: all others on that of St. John the Baptist.

No. of Lodge	Initia'd	Passed.	Raised.	Joined.	With- drawn	Deaths	B. N. P. D.	B. U. M. C.	Ex- pelled.	Re- stored.	Total Memb's	Last Returns	Ledger.		Paid Grand Lodge.
													Dr. Bal	Cr. Bal	
2	4	4	5	1	1	1	1				67	Dec. '04	\$ 2 00		\$ 62 75
3	4	5	5	1	1	5	2				153	"			98 25
4	12	15	16	5	1	2	5				108	"		3 00	166 75
5	12	18	11	1	1	6	1				318	"			219 50
6	9	9	7	1	1					1	83	Jun 1904			45 00
7	9	2	1	3	9						106	Dec. '04			66 50
8	8	7	4	2	1	1					118	"		4 00	72 25
9	9	8	11	1	1	2				1	178	"			130 50
10	8	10	6			1					96	"			67 50
11	8	10	11			1					103	Jun 1904			86 00
12	4	5	11		2	1		1			316	Dec. '04			218 50
13	16	15	15	5	6	3	3			1	86	Jun 1904			69 00
14	7	8	7	2	2	1					231	Dec. '04		75	159 00
15	13	13	10	3	4	2	4			1	197	"	1 00		144 70
16	10	13	15	1	1	2	6				66	"		2 00	64 50
17	5	5	4	1	6	1					214	"	3 00		183 25
18	18	24	25	3	3	4	4			5	40	Jun 1904			129 75
19	9	1	1	1	1	1	1				185	Dec. '04	25		79 25
20	4	6	3	1		1				1	257	"		1 50	214 50
21	15	17	13	9	8	4					113	"			62 25
22	8	7	8	1	3	3					359	"			324 25
23	22	23	23	6	5	3	2				68	"			71 50
24	7	6	5	2	1	1	1				105	"			70 25
25	4	4	4	2	1	1					69	"	1 25		63 25
26	1	2	9		1	1	3				87	"		6 25	70 25
27	10	10	10	8	1						96	Jun 1904			115 00
28	8	11	13	1	4	9	3			3	119	"			98 00
29	6	8	5		5	4	4				77	"	4 00		46 00
30	15	10	5	1	1	3					59	Dec. '04	16 25		20 00
31	2	2	1	1	3	1	3			1	119	"		2 00	84 75
32	21	13	13	1	2		2			2	90	Jun 1904			63 50
33	5	4	4		3		2				30	Dec. '04		50	19 50
34	19	20	20	4		8	1				395	"			270 25
35	5	7	9		2	4	4			2	96	"		1 50	77 25
36	5	5	2		1	4	4				83	"			145 50
37	6	8	2		4	1				2	127	"			85 50
38	18	20	20	2	6	5	2			3	222	"			148 25
39	17	14	20	3	3		7				168	"		1 00	151 75
40	6	8	9		7	1	2			2	159	"			107 25
41	26	23	20	1	1	5	4			2	266	"		2 00	166 75
42	5	4	2								110	Jun 1904			71 50
43	9	7	6	4						1	54	Dec. '04		1 00	58 75
44	16	14	11	2	3	6					164	Jun 1904		2 00	141 00
45	5	4	3		3	1					30	Dec. '94			36 75
46	9	1	1		1	1					74	"			54 50
47	20	15	12	1		4					196	"		17 00	159 50
48	1	1	1		3						53	"			30 50
49	24	21	19	7	4						127	"	25		121 00
50	25	21	23	5	2	5	4			1	334	"		10 50	269 75
51	9	2		3		1				1	61	"	13 75		27 25
52	16	13	13	1	4	2				2	161	"			114 25
53	18	7	6	4		3	4			2	184	Jun 1903		50	109 50
54	21	20	18	3	5	6	3			2	202	Dec. '94	4 00		203 00
55	3	3	9		3						21	"			30 00
56	3	2	1		1	3					70	"			55 50
57											67	Jun 1903	10 00		45 75
58											121	"			86 75
59	5	4	4		1		1			1	61	"			62 50
60	5	3	3								60	Dec. '94		5 00	53 50
61	30	31	27	6		5	2				276	"		1 00	287 50
62	13	10	9	1	9		2			2	149	"		2 00	111 75
63	12	10	10	4	1	4				1	131	"			102 50
64	5	7	5	1	6	1				3	136	"			65 25
65	4	1	3		3		1			1	65	"			57 00
66	10				1	1	1			1	66	Jun 1904			27 75
67	3	4	4	5	1		1				64	Dec. '94			39 00

RETURNS OF LODGES AS AT JUNE 24, 1903.

No. of Lodge	Lodge.	Where Held.	Night of Meeting.	W. Master.	Secretary.
83	Beaver	Strathroy	F. a. f. m.	H. Pope	H. F. Richardson
84	Clifton	Clifton	F. on or a. f. m.	J. A. Ford	Andrew Farns
85	Sliding Ban.	Athens	Th. on or b. f. m.	C. B. Little	Joe Ross
86	Wilson	To. o. o. o.	3rd Tuesday	H. F. Segsworth	S. McK. Brown
87	Marathon Union	Marathon	F. on or b. f. m.	Thos. Wood	R. A. Mason
88	St. George's	Owen Sound	W. on or b. f. m.	H. M. Little	Joe M. Campbell
89	Manito	Collingwood	W. on or a. f. m.	A. E. Johnson	H. A. Stephens
90	Colborne	Colborne	F. on or b. f. m.	Frank L. Webb	Geo. Keyes
91	Cataract	Kingston	3rd Wednesday	A. E. Fraps	Robt. Hendry
92	Northern Light	Kingston	1st Wednesday	W. J. Bruce M. D.	H. D. Hall
93	St. Mark's	Port Stanley	3rd Tuesday	Alex. Taylor	W. H. Farr
94	Corinthian	Barrie	1st Thursday	James Shrubsole	Alfred White
95	Sharon	Sharon	Tu. on or b. f. m.	Wm. G. Hill	B. F. Pearson, M. D.
96	True Blue	Bolton	F. on or a. f. m.	Joe Hill	A. E. Bolton
97	Tatean	Newmarket	3rd Wednesday	J. R. Y. Broughton	N. L. Rogers
98	Valley	Dundas	2nd Monday	W. H. Bates	F. A. Lathew
99	Corinthian	Peterboro'	3rd Friday	H. R. H. Kenner	Duncan Walker
100	Maple Leaf	Catharines	Last Thursday	Thos. P. Blain	H. J. Johnston
101	St. John's	Norwich	W. on or a. f. m.	C. G. Hulet	G. W. Faldon
102	St. Mark's	N. Falls Bth	Tu. on or b. f. m.	D. W. Mitchell	B. Sloggett
103	Barford	Barford	W. on or b. f. m.	Chas. Pratt	Geo. Armstrong
104	St. Paul's	Lambeth	W. on or b. f. m.	J. Crinklaw	H. Poole
105	Blenheim	Princeton	F. on or a. f. m.	J. O. Reid	P. J. Dantel
106	Albion	Barrowville	F. on or b. f. m.	F. S. Rutman, M. D.	J. T. McKim
107	Central	Prescott	1st Tuesday	Chas. Baker	H. H. Wells
108	Wilson	Waterford	W. on or b. f. m.	John Macpherson	R. D. Gibson
109	Hope	Port Hope	1st Friday	V. B. Coleman	Thos. H. Bell
110	Elvy	Beamsville	Tu. on or b. f. m.	Geo. Kerr	A. N. Myer
111	Canada	Thedford	M. on or b. f. m.	A. J. Grant, M. D.	W. Bryant
112	Union	Schomberg	M. on or b. f. m.	Francis Attridge	W. J. Brunton
113	Maple Leaf	Bath	M. before f. m.	H. S. Northmore	F. W. Armstrong
114	Warren	Pingal	Tu. on or b. f. m.	Dr. Sileos	D. Cameron
115	Doris	Brantford	3rd Friday	Geo. U. Baird	Joe C. Spence
116	Manfred	Renfrew	1st Monday	H. Ooshon	M. McKinnon
117	The Belleville	Belleville	1st Thursday	J. S. Peck	David Barragat
118	Corwall	Corwall	1st Wednesday	B. Eastwood	Joe A. Ridley
119	Golden Rule	Cambridge	Tu. on or b. f. m.	Walter Hill	Robt. Boyce
120	Frank	Frankford	M. before f. m.	H. V. Malone	Joe W. Ross
121	Pembroke	Pembroke	1st Thursday	D. W. Campbell	H. S. Bowden
122	The Rising Sun	Aurora	1st Friday	W. H. Birchard	J. J. M. Butler
123	St. Lawrence	Southam ton	Tu. on or a. f. m.	K. Montgomery	John McVitie
124	Lebanon Forest	Exeter	M. on or b. f. m.	W. C. Hueston	C. H. Sanders
125	St. Clair	Milton	Th. on or b. f. m.	J. H. Pencock	W. I. Dieb
126	Richardson	Stouffville	Th. on or b. f. m.	A. G. Brown	J. W. Shankel
127	Pythagoras	Meaford	F. nearest f. m.	H. F. White	J. Patterson
128	Lebanon	Oshawa	2nd Tuesday	J. H. Dalton	A. B. Nelson
129	Malahide	Aylmer	W. on or b. f. m.	W. E. N. Sinclair	C. T. Burdick
130	Tudor	Mitchell	Tu. on or b. f. m.	Thos. E. Henry	A. J. Blower
131	Excelsior	Morrisburg	F. on or b. f. m.	Joe A. Bartley	A. W. Macsey
132	Friendly Brothers	Iroquois	Wednes b. f. m.	A. L. Peader	A. B. Carman
133	Tecumseh	Stratford	3rd Friday	A. M. Campbell	Chris. McLaugh
134	J. B. Hall	Millbrook	Th. on or b. f. m.	W. Montgomery	Geo. S. Carveth
135	Prince of Wales	Newburgh	Wednes b. f. m.	Chas. Wellbanks	G. A. Aylesworth
136	Mississippi	Almonte	1st Friday	J. E. Kelly	H. Washburn
137	Civil Service	Ottawa	2nd Tuesday	Walter Rowan	S. A. Dunlevie
138	Erie	Port Dover	M. on or b. f. m.	J. R. Davis	J. Varry
139	The Grand River	Berlin	3rd Tuesday	A. Warner	G. DeKleinhaus
140	Burns	Wyoming	Th. on or b. f. m.	Arch. Fisher	J. M. Wilson
141	Arising	Lucan	Th. on or b. f. m.	Hy. A. Thomas	Rev. J. A. Ayers
142	Peterboro'	Peterboro	1st Friday	R. F. Morrow M. D.	W. H. Walker
143	York	M. Toronto	3rd Friday	W. S. Dalby	Wm. Duncan
144	Simpeon	Newboro	Tu. on or b. f. m.	Geo. S. Johnson	G. S. Wrathall
145	Alexandra	Oil Springs	Thursd ya f. m.	S. O. Jackson	W. S. Duggan
146	Goodwood	Richmond	1st Tuesday	O. Saddington	Chas. L. Riley
147	Peroy	Warkworth	Wednes b. f. m.	Robt. B. Dawson	John L. Gaffield
148	Forest	Wroxeter	M. on or b. f. m.	Geo. Allen	Chas. Sanderson

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D LAST RETURNS RECEIVED.—Continued.

Serial	Initial'd	Passed	Raised	Joined	With- drawn	Deaths	B.N. P.D.	B.U. M.C.	Ex- pelled	Re- stored	Total M'mb's	Leas- tures	Ledger.		Paid Grand Lodge
													Dr. Bal	Cr. Bal	
11	3	7	6	2	2	1				1	104	Dec. '04	\$ 1 10		\$78 15
12	4	8	7	3	1	1					88	Jun 1904			48 50
13	5	9	8	4	2	2					56	"			85 50
14	6	10	9	5	3	3					214	Dec. '04			197 75
15	7	11	10	6	4	4				1	61	Jun 1904			38 00
16	8	12	11	7	5	5				5	129	Dec. '04	\$ 1 00		144 75
17	9	13	12	8	6	6					168	"	1 00		98 75
18	10	14	13	9	7	7				4	90	"			53 00
19	11	15	14	10	8	8				2	163	"			128 00
20	12	16	15	11	9	9				5	68	"	25		49 50
21	13	17	16	12	10	10					49	"	25		94 50
22	14	18	17	13	11	11					164	"			103 50
23	15	19	18	14	12	12				1	54	"			37 50
24	16	20	19	15	13	13					54	Jun 1904			63 50
25	17	21	20	16	14	14					72	"	39 50		90 00
26	18	22	21	17	15	15				2	105	Dec. '04			70 25
27	19	23	22	18	16	16				1	108	"			86 50
28	20	24	23	19	17	17					155	"			194 25
29	21	25	24	20	18	18					74	"			45 25
30	22	26	25	21	19	19					92	"	1 00		74 25
31	23	27	26	22	20	20					71	Jun 1904		2 00	46 50
32	24	28	27	23	21	21				1	61	Dec. '04	17 50		49 75
33	25	29	28	24	22	22					30	"	1 00		14 25
34	26	30	29	25	23	23					68	"			41 25
35	27	31	30	26	24	24					98	"			68 00
36	28	32	31	27	25	25				1	113	"		1 00	81 50
37	29	33	32	28	26	26					25	"			78 00
38	30	34	33	29	27	27					93	"			79 50
39	31	35	34	30	28	28					40	Jun 1904	1 00		18 50
40	32	36	35	31	29	29					80	"			14 50
41	33	37	36	32	30	30					47	Dec. '04		1 00	58 25
42	34	38	37	33	31	31				3	308	"			36 75
43	35	39	38	34	32	32					118	"	1 25		247 25
44	36	40	39	35	33	33				1	157	"			76 25
45	37	41	40	36	34	34					104	"			95 50
46	38	42	41	37	35	35					45	Jun 1904			97 75
47	39	43	42	38	36	36					84	Dec. '04	19 00		24 50

RETURN OF LODGES AS AT JUNE 24, 1903.

No of Lodges	Lodge.	Where Held.	Night of Meeting	W Master.	Secretary
164	Star in the East	Wellington	Tu on or b f m	W. J. Garow	W. W. Fitzgerald
165	Burlington	Burlington	W on or b f m	W. H. Easterbrook	F. W. Taylor
166	Westworth	Stoney Creek	M on or b f m	Geo Stewart	H. H. Dewar
168	Merrill	Welland	M on or b f m	B. A. Patterson	John Coulson
169	Macnab	Pt. Colborne	Tu on or b f m	J. R. Tuck	John Cook
170	Britannia	Neaforth	1st Monday	R. E. Cooper, M. D.	L. C. Jackson
171	Prince of Wales	Lawrenceville	F on or a f m	Hugh Turner	D. C. Campbell
172	Ayr	Ayr	Tu on or b f m	W. A. Reid	J. P. Wylie
174	Walsingham	Port Huron	Th on or b f m	W. O. Franklin	Jas Ryan
177	The Builders	Ottawa	2d Friday	F. E. Farney	H. H. Cairns
178	Platteville	Platteville	F on or b f m	L. W. Craig	W. M. Henderson
180	Speed	Guelph	1st Tuesday	Thos. E. Kundle	Wm Parker
181	Oriental	Port Huron	Tu on or b f m	Jas. A. Ker	M. G. Burwell
184	Old Light	London	Th on or b f m	D. H. Lawrence	A. H. Macleod
185	St. Catharines	York	M on or b f m	Melvin Buncey	C. J. Martindale
186	Plantagenet	Plantagenet	M on or b f m	H. D. Dwyer	John Smith
190	Belmont	Belmont	F on or b f m	E. A. Proctor	Jas. McMillan
192	Orillia	Orillia	F on or b f m	Geo. Kaplay	J. A. Fowle
193	Scotland	Scotland	M on or b f m	J. A. McCrear	J. H. M. Vaughan
194	Petrolia	Petrolia	2d Wednesday	C. F. Reid	Mathew Smith
195	The Tuscan	London	1st Monday	W. F. Hungerford	Hon. E. Maingall
196	Madawaska	Arnprior	2d Monday	Geo. H. Larivee	W. T. Mackay
197	Augusta	Walserton	2d Tuesday	John Grainger	Hy. B. Currie
200	St. Albans	Mount Forest	F on or b f m	W. O. Lowry	E. B. Yule
201	Leeds	Gananoque	Tu on or b f m	T. M. Corbett	H. O. Graham
202	Irving	Kiara	3rd Friday	N. C. Wallace, M. D.	Edward Hume
203	New Dominion	N. Hamburg	M on or a f m	Jas. Smith	B. G. Halley
207	Lancaster	Lancaster	Tu on or b f m	J. J. Calder	W. N. McGuill
208	St. John	London	1st Friday	Wm. H. Line	J. B. Dewar
209	Evergreen	London	1st Tuesday	Rv. D. P. McIntosh	Alex. Balfour
212	Ellystan	Gar'n Island	1st Monday	John Kennedy	Thos. Lappen
216	Late	Ameliasburg	F on or b f m	B. D. Noxon	G. H. Blecker
216	Harris	Orangeville	Tu on or b f m	Andrew Hill	D. McPherson
217	Frederick	Delhi	M on or b f m	G. W. Graham	A. W. Cryder
218	Leveson	Toronto	2d Monday	W. G. Jones	Geo. Wilson
219	Credit	Georgetown	F on or b f m	F. J. Barker	T. R. Kargay
220	Zeredatha	Uxbridge	M on or b f m	M. L. Nutting	M. H. Crosby
221	Mountain	Thorold	W on or b f m	A. F. McGill	D. J. C. Muir
222	Marmora	Marmora	Monday a f m	H. E. Kelly	Jas. Parker
223	Norwood	Norwood	M on or b f m	Geo. J. Sherry	J. F. Pearce
224	Rich	Hensall	Th on or b f m	F. A. Bellory	Jas. Bonthron
225	Bernard	Listowel	F on or b f m	J. H. Mitchell	W. E. Binning
226	Prince Arthur	Odesa	M on or a f m	R. L. Gilbert	Robt. Bennett
227	Alton	Brampton	3rd Tuesday	W. J. Feston	W. H. McFadden
230	Kerr	Harris	3rd Friday	T. Beecroft	Fred. Marr
231	Lodge of Fidelity	Ottawa	3rd Tuesday	J. G. Scott	John F. Stewart
232	Amerson	Dutton	W on or b f m	W. H. Barnum	D. A. Cameron, M. D.
233	Doric	Park Hill	Tu on or b f m	Jas. G. Russell	F. J. Hutchins
234	Alvay	Clarksburg	Tu on or b f m	Fred. Kent, M. D.	J. H. Dickinson
235	Aldworth	Paisley	F on or b f m	John P. Fisher	J. H. Steele
236	Manitoba	Cookstown	Tu on or a f m	Wm. Griffith	H. Coleman
237	Vienna	Vienna	F on or b f m	John McCrimmon	R. E. Cloten
238	Havelock	Wainford	Tues. b f m	F. H. Kenwood	David Watt
239	Tweed	Tweed	F on or b f m	W. Reynolds	Jas. Murray
240	Macoy	Malloytown	M on or b f m	L. T. Blanchard	D. B. Mallory
241	St. George	Mt. George	Th on or b f m	B. G. Robinson	D. C. Anderson
242	Tecumseh	Thamesville	Tu on or b f m	J. J. Pearson	Robert Pye
247	Ashlar	Toronto	4th Tuesday	A. C. Fairweather	John A. Shaw
249	Caledonian	Midland	M on or b f m	W. Finlayson	Wm. McTavish
250	Thistle	Embro	Th on or b f m	R. A. Geddes	Columbus Bell
251	Minlen	Kingston	1st Tuesday	W. C. Tilley	T. D. Miron
254	Clifton	Ning Falls	1st Thursday	R. F. Carter	Alex. Gray
255	Sydenham	Dresden	2d Thursday	John Watson	J. E. McTearry
256	Farran's Point	Aultsville	W on or b f m	H. A. Baker	R. H. Hauss
257	Galt	Galt	1st Tuesday	T. S. Jarvis	A. J. Dots

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No. of Lodge.	Initia'd	Peas'd.	Raised.	Joined.	With-drawn.	Deaths	S. N. P. D.	S. U. M. C.	Exp'd	Rec'd.	Total M'bs	Last Ret'ns	Ledger		Paid Grand Lodge.
													Dr Bal	Cr. Bal	
164	8	8	7	...	1	...	...	...	...	...	84	Dec. '04	19 75		\$ 41 75
165	8	7	12	1	2	1	1	...	...	1	88	"		2 00	85 75
166	21	16	14	1	...	1	...	...	...	...	122	"			123 75
168	9	6	5	1	...	...	...	...	...	...	92	"		25	63 00
169	2	1	...	2	1	2	...	...	...	...	60	"			79 50
170	2	3	3	1	3	1	...	...	...	...	77	"			64 00
171	1	2	2	1	1	...	3	...	...	...	43	Jun 1904	1 00		30 50
172	8	9	9	...	...	2	...	...	...	...	21	Dec. '04	3 00		45 50
174	4	4	3	...	1	...	4	...	...	1	66	Jun 1904			39 00
177	17	13	12	5	3	...	3	...	...	...	179	Dec. '04	38 75		120 00
178	9	2	2	...	...	3	...	...	...	...	38	"			97 00
180	4	5	3	...	2	2	1	...	...	1	75	"			46 25
181	6	7	6	...	...	...	2	...	...	...	36	"		2 00	30 50
184	6	4	4	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	68	"			60 75
185	2	2	1	...	2	1	...	...	...	1	27	"	9 00		21 00
186	2	3	2	...	2	2	...	...	...	...	37	"		1 00	49 75
190	4	3	4	...	...	1	1	...	...	1	45	"	1 00		39 75
192	9	7	11	2	3	...	...	...	...	...	137	"	3 00		100 25
193	3	4	7	...	1	1	3	...	...	...	70	"		2 00	59 75
194	1	2	1	1	...	1	2	...	...	1	76	"			46 25
195	1	1	1	1	...	1	1	...	...	...	77	Jun 1904	3 00		46 50
196	11	9	12	...	5	2	2	...	...	...	99	Dec. '04		2 00	86 00
197	7	4	5	2	4	1	2	...	...	1	62	"		4 50	46 00
200	...	...	5	...	1	1	...	...	...	...	61	Jun 1904	4 00		59 50
201	11	10	7	3	2	1	1	...	...	...	135	Dec. 904			95 50
203	5	4	3	1	3	...	...	...	...	...	54	"			41 00
206	1	2	2	2	...	1	...	...	...	...	39	Jun 1904	3 00		27 00
207	4	2	2	...	1	...	5	...	...	2	63	Dec. '04		1 25	53 50
209a	26	22	18	2	4	1	5	...	...	1	268	"	1 00		186 50
209	1	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	51	June '04			14 50
212	1	1	...	...	1	...	...	...	...	...	19	"			97 25
215	3	3	4	3	3	...	...	...	...	2	64	Dec. '04			44 00
216	26	19	19	1	3	1	5	...	...	1	161	Jun 1904			99 00
217	3	2	2	2	...	1	...	...	...	...	66	Dec. '04	16 00		58 50
218	2	4	5	...	6	5	8	...	...	3	212	"			145 75
219	5	9	12	...	2	1	...	...	...	...	86	"	1 00		137 50
220	1	1	1	1	...	1	...	...	...	...	80	"			41 25
221	12	15	12	...	2	...	...	1	...	4	69	"			76 50
222	3	5	5	...	3	...	...	...	...	...	61	"	1 00		136 75
223	9	9	6	3	3	...	...	...	...	...	77	"			61 25
224	15	15	7	3	...	1	...	...	...	...	74	"	1 75		65 50
225	6	7	6	...	3	...	3	...	...	1	92	"			63 75
228	3	3	3	...	...	3	2	...	...	...	39	"		50	25 75
229	6	5	7	...	3	2	1	...	...	1	77	"			60 75
230	5	3	2	...	3	...	...	...	...	...	109	Jun 1904			87 00
231	12	14	13	3	1	2	2	...	...	...	133	Dec. '04			120 00
232	6	4	2	1	3	...	...	...	...	...	62	"		5 00	44 00
233	4	5	2	1	...	...	...	...	...	...	55	"			39 25
234	2	1	1	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	67	"	18 00		39 00
235	4	3	2	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	60	Jun 1904			35 25
236	8	6	7	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	58	Dec. '04			53 50
237	...	...	...	...	1	1	3	...	...	...	50	Jun 1904			70 50
238	9	1	2	...	3	...	2	...	...	1	67	"			60 50
239	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	67	"	32 50		43 00
242	5	6	5	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	76	Dec. '04			57 00
243	6	7	8	...	1	2	4	...	...	...	63	"		2 00	66 25
245	5	4	...	1	1	...	6	...	...	...	57	"			72 50
247	7	14	14	5	5	1	1	...	...	1	283	"			213 50
249	23	15	19	1	2	...	...	...	...	...	145	"		14 00	103 50
250	3	...	...	...	1	...	...	...	...	1	28	Jun 1904	13 00		56 50
253	...	...	...	1	4	...	...	...	...	...	83	"			103 25
254	14	14	14	...	...	2	4	...	...	1	134	"		2 00	88 00
255	12	10	7	5	...	1	71	Dec. '04		2 50	83 00
256	6	3	0	...	1	1	2	70	"		75	83 00
257	15	13	9	3	1	1	136	Jun 1904		3 00	83 00

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No. of Lodge.	Lodge.	Where Held.	Night of Meeting.	W. Master.	Secretary.
255	Quonip	Quonip	2d Tuesday	W. A. Mahoney	Edward Paff
256	Springfield	Springfield	Mo on or b f m	Geo. Miller	M. M. Black
257	Washington	Petrolia	1st Wednesday	John Reed	D. Pepper
258	Oak Branch	Inverkip	Th on or b f m	J. G. Holmes	R. Q. Irving
259	Harriston	Harriston	2d Monday	E. W. Lambart	R. L. Dewar
260	Forest	Forest	W on or b f m	Wm. Lawrie	P. W. Campbell
261	Chaudiere	Ottawa	4th Tuesday	W. G. Wilson	Thos. Saunders
262	Patterson	Thorahill	Th on or b f m	Joe. Baxter	J. E. Francis
263	Northern Light	Wayner	Tu on or b f m	Dr. Jaheway	J. W. Bethune
264	Parthenon	Chatham	1st Wednesday	Jeh'el Smith	J. W. Kiewit
265	Vernum	Robeygon	F on or b f m	Alex. Kitchen	A. E. Bottom
266	Brougham Union	Claremont	W on or a f m	D. H. Benton	A. B. Dorewell
267	Cedar	Oshawa	4th Tuesday	E. T. Nicolson	L. E. Norton
268	Wellington	Erin	W on or b f m	Rich. Jones	Dugald Campbell
269	Reymour	Ansonia	Tu on or b f m	John Pichard	James Stewart
270	Kent	Blenheim	2d Monday	R. M. Thompson	J. Crookshank
271	Tecumseh	Tecumseh	4th Friday	A. R. Brill	J. Pargobarns
272	Seymour	P. Dalbousie	W on or b f m	John Green, Jr.	John Green, Sr.
273	New Hope	Keopier	W on or b f m	E. Garland	Jno. Jardine
274	Lorne	Glenora	Th on or b f m	L. Hyslop	W. J. French
275	Kureha	Holleville	W a f m	Chas. L. Sullivan	W. J. Diamond
276	St. John's	Brussels	Tu on or b f m	Malcolm Black	John Wright
277	Seven Star	Alliston	W on or a f m	Henry Norris	E. M. Wright
278	Wingham	Wingham	1st Tuesday	John Ritchie	J. A. Morison
279	Abundant	Port Arthur	1st Tuesday	J. W. Armstrong	Geo. H. Mapary
280	Doric	Lobo	Th on or b f m	Joshua Irvine	F. L. Graham, MD
281	Leamington	Leamington	Tu on or b f m	Geo. E. Robinson	W. F. Williams
282	Dufferin	W. Flamboro	Th on or b f m	Joe. C. Sharpe	Alfred Joum.
283	Robertson	Elgin	Mo on or b f m	Arch. McCallum	A. Carley
284	Moore	Courtright	Th on or b f m	F. K. Johnson	F. J. Tully
285	Conestoga	Drayton	1st Tues. e m	David Campbell	W. R. Smith
286	Temple	St. Catharines	Last Wednes.	R. E. Oldright	K. O. Benton
287	Preston	Preston	F on or b f m	John Short	Joe. Raiter
288	Victoria	Centreville	Th on or b f m	W. R. Aylesworth	Robt. Cox
289	Mount Olive	Theradale	Tu on or b f m	F. W. Hughes	M. N. Wright
290	St. David's	St. Thomas	2d Thursday	W. A. Bures	Fred. S. Lewis
291	Blyth	Blyth	Tu on or a f m	Wm. Watson	J. M. Hamilton
292	Minerva	Stroud	Tu on or b f m	A. W. Green	Joe. Black
293	Humber	Weston	Th on or b f m	John Gardhouses	A. D. Moffat
294	Durham	Durham	2d Tuesday	Arthur Goss, M. D.	W. H. Bean
295	Arkona	Arkona	Th on or b f m	W. J. Brander	Fred. Nelson
296	Morning Star	Smith's Hill	W on or b f m	Wm. Young	John Varcoe
297	Blackwood	Woodbridge	F on or b f m	Amos Maynard	D. Norton
298	Pays	Wallaceburg	Mo on or b f m	J. M. Nicol	E. E. Parker
299	Albion	Lakefield	1st Tuesday	R. Q. Deuch	G. B. Hilliard
300	Hair	Palmerston	F after 1 m	P. J. Paskin	H. McKewin
301	Clifford	Clifford	3rd Monday	H. H. Trapp	Geo. E. Robb
302	Doric	Toronto	3d Thursday	A. Pearson	H. C. Griffiths
303	Wilmot	Haden	F on or a f m	Allen Bechtel	J. A. Butler
304	Hiram	Hagersville	Th on or b f m	E. M. Koffer	H. A. Howard
305	Chesterville	Chesterville	Mo on or b f m	O. D. Casselman	W. R. Polton
306	Walker	Acton West	Mo on or b f m	Wm. Cooper	W. Starr
307	North Star	Owen Sound	W a f m	Harry Wright, Jr.	J. F. McCallum
308	Alvinston	Alvinston	W on or b f m	R. A. Gilroy	B. Code
309	Temple	Hamilton	2d Tuesday	P. F. Lazier	Thos. Pedlar
310	Orono	Orono	Th on or b f m	J. J. Gillilan	R. E. Hall
311	Zetland	Toronto	4th Friday	James Haywood	J. H. Mamba
312	The Hammond	Wardville	Tu on or b f m	O. W. Snodgrove	R. D. Jamieson
313	Ionio	Napier	F on or b f m	R. T. Richardson	Henry Lowe
314	King Solomon	Jarvis	F on or b f m	John J. Parsons	H. A. Howell
315	Corinthian	London East	1st Tuesday	Edmund Haydon	H. C. Simpson
316	Fordwich	Fordwich	Th on or b f m	Geo. Wilson	A. C. Hutchinson
317	Stratford	Stratford	2d Monday	Wm. G. Irwin	R. M. Cassels
318	Prince Arthur	Flesherton	F on or b f m	John Wright	G. H. Richardson
319	Prince Arthur	Arthur	Tu on or b f m	Isaiah Green	R. T. Tisdale

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Lodge.	Initia'd	Passed.	Raised.	Join d.	With- drawn	Deaths	S.N. P.D.	S.U. M.C.	Exp'd	Res'd	Total Memb's	Last Ret'ns	Ledger.		Paid Grand Lodge.
													Dr. Bal.	Cr. Bal.	
3	7	4	3	1	4	.....	4	.....	.....	.....	90	Jun1904	.....	.....	\$ 63 50
3	8	9	9	3	1	1	.....	.....	.....	1	81	Dec. '04	.....	\$ 3 00	36 75
3	6	6	6	1	4	1	.....	.....	.....	1	92	"	.....	.....	79 50
3	1	1	1	.....	1	.....	.....	.....	.....	1	97	Jun1904	.....	.....	14 50
3	6	5	6	.....	4	1	.....	.....	.....	.....	86	Dec. '04	.....	.....	59 50
3	7	7	7	2	2	.....	.....	.....	.....	2	79	Jun1904	.....	4 00	60 50
3	12	8	7	2	.....	.....	4	.....	.....	2	128	"	\$ 3 00	.....	70 50
3	4	3	3	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	50	Dec. '04	.....	25	99 50
3	22	21	18	4	4	.....	.....	.....	.....	3	119	Jun1904	.....	.....	17 25
3	3	3	2	.....	3	.....	.....	.....	.....	1	37	Dec. '04	.....	.....	93 50
3	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	49	Jun1904	.....	2 00	26 25
3	2	4	3	1	2	1	.....	.....	.....	1	70	Dec. '04	.....	50	43 50
3	2	2	4	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	63	"	.....	7 50	49 25
3	15	11	10	.....	2	1	2	.....	.....	1	89	"	.....	.....	84 75
3	2	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	66	"	.....	.....	70 50
3	2	4	3	.....	1	.....	1	.....	.....	1	28	"	.....	.....	38 75
3	7	4	3	1	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	48	"	.....	.....	90 25
3	11	13	11	1	1	2	3	.....	.....	.....	69	"	1 00	.....	36 50
3	5	6	6	1	5	1	1	.....	.....	.....	54	"	1 00	.....	50 75
3	1	2	1	1	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	71	"	.....	.....	24 75
3	2	2	2	1	1	.....	.....	.....	.....	1	62	"	.....	.....	47 25
3	2	2	2	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	62	"	.....	.....	45 25
3	4	4	4	.....	1	1	1	.....	.....	1	68	Jun1904	.....	.....	62 00
3	20	20	18	2	1	3	.....	.....	.....	1	66	Dec. '04	.....	.....	80 25
3	5	4	2	2	2	.....	.....	.....	.....	1	147	"	.....	24 0	145 75
3	7	4	2	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	43	"	.....	.....	99 00
3	0	7	7	4	6	1	1	.....	.....	3	113	"	.....	.....	80 25
3	1	2	1	.....	1	.....	.....	.....	.....	1	73	Jun1904	2 00	.....	51 50
3	2	3	1	.....	1	.....	2	.....	.....	.....	39	Dec. '04	.....	.....	91 75
3	4	8	8	.....	2	2	.....	.....	.....	.....	37	"	.....	.....	39 00
3	3	1	2	2	2	.....	.....	.....	.....	1	48	Jun1904	.....	5 00	63 00
3	5	6	5	7	2	1	.....	.....	.....	.....	61	Dec. '04	.....	.....	59 25
3	7	7	5	4	1	1	.....	.....	.....	.....	55	"	.....	.....	41 50
3	9	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	39	Jun1904	1 00	.....	49 50
3	0	8	6	.....	.....	.....	2	.....	.....	.....	39	"	4 00	.....	28 50
3	2	15	10	1	1	.....	6	.....	.....	.....	194	Dec. '04	56 50	.....	135 50
3	3	1	.....	.....	2	1	.....	.....	.....	1	55	Jun1904	.....	.....	43 00
3	4	3	2	3	4	1	.....	.....	.....	.....	54	Dec. '04	.....	.....	85 25
3	5	3	2	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	59	"	2 50	.....	59 50
3	6	6	6	1	.....	2	.....	.....	.....	1	55	"	.....	.....	61 25
3	7	4	4	.....	1	1	.....	.....	.....	.....	39	"	6 00	.....	33 00
3	9	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	50	Dec. '03	.....	.....	1 00
3	1	1	1	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	41	Dec. '04	.....	8 50	63 25
3	2	6	6	.....	1	2	1	.....	.....	.....	91	"	.....	9 00	74 25
3	3	4	4	1	3	.....	3	.....	.....	.....	60	"	1 50	.....	84 00
3	4	2	4	2	1	1	.....	.....	.....	1	59	Jun1904	.....	.....	37 50
3	5	2	3	1	1	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	25	Dec. '04	.....	.....	33 75
3	6	7	8	14	5	3	2	.....	.....	2	315	"	.....	2 50	212 75
3	7	50	29	1	2	1	.....	.....	.....	.....	27	Jun1902	.....	.....	.....
3	8	1	1	1	2	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	38	Dec. '04	2 00	.....	45 50
3	9	4	5	1	1	.....	.....	.....	.....	2	86	"	.....	.....	68 75
3	0	3	4	1	3	1	.....	.....	.....	.....	49	"	.....	.....	39 50
3	1	3	3	12	5	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	131	"	.....	.....	104 00
3	2	7	7	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	65	Jun1904	62	.....	45 50
3	3	31	26	2	4	6	7	.....	.....	4	317	Dec. '04	6 00	.....	211 50
3	4	3	1	2	1	.....	1	.....	.....	.....	24	"	.....	.....	12 50
3	5	24	21	3	1	3	1	.....	.....	.....	434	"	.....	3 00	467 75
3	6	3	4	1	1	.....	4	.....	.....	.....	24	Jun1904	.....	.....	21 50
3	7	14	12	.....	.....	1	.....	.....	.....	.....	99	Dec. '04	6 00	.....	18 75
3	8	3	4	.....	1	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	56	"	.....	.....	43 25
3	9	13	10	.....	.....	1	7	.....	.....	1	119	"	.....	.....	99 75
3	0	9	9	.....	2	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	42	"	.....	4 00	47 75
3	1	18	10	19	2	6	167	Jun1904	3 00	114 25
3	2	3	2	3	1	52	"	35 50
3	3	3	2	52	Dec. '04	27 00	109 00
3	4	11	10	1	8	1	2

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No. of Lodge.	Lodge.	Where Held.	Night of Meeting.	W. Master.	Secretary.
336	aHighgate	Highgate	F. on or b.f.m	John H. Gosnell	F. Litt ejohn
337	aMyrtle	Pt. Robinson	Tu.on or b.f.m	Wm. H. Biggar	C. B. Bennett
338	Dufferin	Welland port	Tu.on or b.f.m	Clar. Henderson	Jas. R. Goring
339	aOrient	Toronto	1st Tuesday	Bernard Cairns	F. H. Anderson
341	aBruce	Tiverton	Tu.on or b.f.m	C. F. Fawcett	J. M. Bowie
343	Georgina	Toronto	1st Saturday	H. H. McKague	J. M. Sumner
344	Merrill	Dorch'st rS'n	Th.on or b.f.m	J. H. Birch	J. A. Morris
345	Nilestown	Nilestown	Tu.on or b.f.m	Chas. Fletcher	J. A. James
346	aThe Occident	Toronto	3d Wednesday	J. C. West	John Lillie
347	aMercer	Fergus	1st Friday	T.N. Wansbrou'h	A. J. Prichard
348	aGeorgian	Pen'tang'sh'e	1st Thursday	Geo. Robinson	H. M. Warneck
352	aGranite	Parry Sound	3d Wednesday	John R. Stone	D. Macfarlane
354	Brock	Cannington	W. on or b.f.m	Geo. B. Johnston	Joseph A. Kift
356	River Park	Streetsville	Tu.on or b.f.m	Rev. C. H. Rich	O. R. Church
357	Waterdown	Millgrove	Tu.on or b.f.m	John Douglas	Walter Forster
358	aDelaware Valley	Delaware	F. on or b.f.m	J. W. Fonger	Wm. Harker
359	aVittoria	Vittoria	F. on or b.f.m	C. A. Dunkin	John Pow
360	aMuskoka	Bracebridge	1st Tuesday	Hy. J. Bird, Jr.	Fred. W. Mills
361	aWaverley	Guelph	4th Monday	Geo. Chapman	J. S. Stephenson
362	aMaple Leaf	Tara	M. on or b.f.m	W. B. P. Munroe	Jas. A. McDonald
364	aDufferin	Melbourne	W. on or b.f.m	Samuel Acton	W. J. Richards
367	aSt. George	Toronto	1st Friday	H. H. Schoff	R. C. Gallagher
368	aSalem	Brockville	2nd Monday	H. A. Clark	Jas. Reynolds
369	aMimico	Lambton M.	Tu.on or b.f.m	J. G. Musson	Geo. S. Brown
370	Harmony	Delta	W. on or b.f.m	C. C. Copland	J. W. Russell
371	aPrince of Wales	Ottawa	4th Friday	Jas. N. Brownlee	John B. Wright
372	aPalmer	Bridgeburg	Tu.on or a.f.m	S. D. Ramey	J. G. Watts
373	aCopestone	Welland	1st Thur-day	G. H. Pettit	Thomas Main
374	aKeene	Keene	Th.on or b.f.m	Hugh Fife	J. M. Shaw, M.D.
375	aLorne	Onemee	1st Thursday	W. J. Thorn	G.S.CameronMD
376	aUnity	Huntsville	2d Wednesday	A. Denton	Oscar Wieler
377	aLorne	Shelburne	1st Friday	E. C. Campbell	R. J. Watson
378	aKing Solomon's	London West	2nd Thursday	Geo. Finnegan	W. Nicholl
379	aMiddlesex	Bryanston	W.on or b.f.m	E. M. Roberts	Al-x. Grant
380	aUnion	London	2nd Monday	Benj. Noble	Jos. Ward
382	Doric	Hamilton	3rd Monday	D. K. Gibson	C V.Emory, M.D.
383	aHenderson	W. Winch'ter	F. on or b.f.m	Salem Coon	Geo. A. Johnson
384	aAlpha	Toronto	1st Thursday	James Leach	E. J. Voss
385	aSpry	Beeton	M. on or b.f.m	A. W. McDonald	J. R. Croft
386	aMcColl	West Lorne	Tu.on or b.f.m	Hugh MacColl	Wm A. Becker
387	aLansdowne	Lansdowne	Th.on or b.f.m	Ch. s. Horton	J. A. Bradley, M.D
388	Henderson	Ilderton	M. on or b.f.m	W. W. Robson	J. H. Robson
389	aCrystal Fountain	N. Augusta	W. on or b.f.m	John Chapman	W. H. Waddell
390	aFlorence	Florence	Th.on or b.f.m	W. J. Bodkin	J. A. Emery
391	aHoward	Ridgetown	M. on or b.f.m	C. A. Dunkley	W. H. Ellsworth
392	aHuron	Camilachie	W. on or b.f.m	Wm. J. Burnley	A. Trusler
393	Forest	Chesley	1st Tuesday	C. J. Halliday	W. T. Ross
394	King Solomon	Thamesford	W. on or b.f.m	M. J. Morrison	J. S. Robinson
395	Parvaim	Comber	Fri.on or b.f.m	A. F. Allen	E. S. Hughes
396	aCedar	Warton	Tu.on or b.f.m	R. A. Watt	W. M. Newman
397	aLeopold	Brigden	W. on or b.f.m	J. W. McDonald	H. J. Leacock
398	Victoria	Kirkfield	F. on or b.f.m	J. H. Ross, M.D.	Jos. McClelland
399	Moffat	Harrietsville	W. on or b.f.m	Wm. Barr	D. D. York
400	aOakville	Oakville	Tu. on or b.f.m	John A. Riggs	C. A. Bradbury
401	aCraig	Deseronto	1st Tuesday	R. N. Irvine	J. G. Johnston
402	Central	Essex	W on or b.f.m	C. Kreighoff	R. J. Shaw
403	aWindsor	Windsor	1st Friday	A. D. Barr	C. Koelln
404	aLorne	Tamworth	F. on or b.f.m	S. E. Kennedy	Jas. Aylesworth
405	Mattawa	Mattawa	1st Tuesday	T. J. Harwood	C. Haents'hel, M.D
406	aThe Spry	Fenel'n Falls	W on or b.f.m	W. H. Robson	E. Fitzgerald
408	Murray	Reaverton	Tu. on or b.f.m	Stephen Furniss	Neil Rutherford
409	aGolden Rule	Gravenhurst	2d Monday	F. Hornsby	C. H. Bond
410	aZeta	Toronto	4th Friday	Duncan Grigg	A. E. Faulds
411	aRodney	Rodney	W. on or b.f.m	T.W. Kirkpatrick	H. McL. Paterson
412	aKeystone	S. St. Marie	1st Tues. e.m.	D. W. Green	A. Hastings
413	aNaphtali	Tilb'y Cent'e	Tu. on or b.f.m	W. A. Johnson	W. A. Hutton

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Passed	Raised.	Joined.	With- drawn	Deaths	S. N. P. D.	S. U. M. C.	Exp'd	Rest'd	Total Memb.	Last Ret'ns	Ledger.		Paid Grand Lodge
											Dr. Bal.	Cr. Bal.	
1	1	1	2	1	4			1	57	Dec. '04	14 00		\$ 45 50
7	3	1						1	38	"			29 95
6	2								56	"	25		97 00
14	16	1	3	4				2	264	"			906 00
9	10			1	3	1		1	49	"	39 75		
20	18	2	9	3	3	1			244	"	5 00		203 00
6	5	1		1	3				35	Jun1904	14 50		7 00
4	1	4		1				1	30	Dec. '04		25	15 50
23	23	2	3	5	9			2	212	Jun1904			188 50
2	2								58	"	6 00		58 00
3	3	1	2		2			3	41	"	5 00		39 00
4	8			2					90	Dec. '04		1 75	69 50
1	1	2	1	1				2	63	"			46 50
6	5		1	2	6			1	43	"		2 25	29 75
9	8	2	1	2				1	86	"			75 00
1	1			2					34	Jun1904	17 50		19 00
3	4	1	1	1				1	48	Dec. '04		4 75	43 25
3	7	1	2	2	2				68	"		1 50	62 00
9	10		7	1				1	134	"			129 50
2	4		1						51	"		2 00	40 25
2	1							1	41	Jun1904			14 75
27	20	2	1	3	1			2	220	"			164 00
14	15	1		2				2	141	Dec. '04			119 25
3	5	1	1	2				1	84	"		6 00	66 69
3	8		1					1	63	"			68 25
16	13	4			1				100	"			72 25
9	11	1		1	3				84	"			72 50
5	5		5		3			2	60	"			53 50
									32	"		25	18 50
1	1		1						31	"	1 00		25 00
3	4		1						92	"			85 00
6	7	1	2					1	66	"		2 00	57 25
15	10								109	Jun1904		1 50	98 00
3	4		1		1				30	Dec. '04			22 00
9	9	2	2					1	156	"	50		115 50
20	25	8	2	2	4			1	243	"			160 00
6	8	4	5						50	"		1 50	62 00
	25	3	10	2					238	"		3 00	240 25
3	3								59	"	25		40 50
6	6		1	2				1	66	"			36 00
7	7		1	1				1	40	"	25		61 25
				1					36	Jun1904	22 50		
	1								36	Dec. '04	1 00		24 50
		2	1						28	"		2 50	17 00
3	3		1	2				1	73	"			50 25
3	3							1	57	"			34 00
1	2	4	3		1				39	"	16 00		2 50
4	4		1		1			1	68	"			44 25
3	3			1					50	Jun1903			37 00
7	7	1	1	2					103	Dec. '04		4 00	48 25
1	1	1		1	9				54	Jun1904		2 00	44 25
4	2			1	2				38	Dec. '04	8 75		48 75
2	2								23	"			10 50
13	9	4	1					1	130	"		75	93 75
3	1								58	"	25		44 75
10	6		7		1				59	"			37 00
18	22	6	5	2				1	193	Jun1904	1 00		153 25
8	5								46	Dec. '04	1 00		44 00
2	5			1					91	Jun1904			64 50
6	7	1	2		1				61	Dec. '04			25 50
11	13		1	2					40	"	14 25		60 50
7	1	2	3	1	5			2	63	"		3 75	70 25
23	24	2		1	1				184	"			154 75
4	2	1	1	1					33	"	2 00		82 50
24	17	6	5	1	1			2	229	"			189 50
12	10		8	2	2				77	Jun1904			57 25

GRAND LODGE OF CANADA.

RETURN OF LODGES AS AT JUNE 24, 1905.

No. of Lodge.	Lodge.	Where Held.	Night of Meeting.	W. Master.	Secretary.
414	Papounga.	Fort Portage	1st Wednesday	C. W. Belpoe	G. C. Sherratt
415	Fort William	Fort William	2d Wednesday	E. D. Higginbotham	Geo. H. Cox
416	Lyn	Lyn	Tu. on or b f m	Rev. T. A. Smith	J. C. McGrath
417	Macswatin	Macswatin	1st Friday	Don McLeod, Jr.	A. J. Holmes
418	Maxville	Maxville	2d Tuesday	Geo. Chalmers	D. A. Irvine
419	Nimbaruk	Pt. Edward	2d Monday	C. O. Livingston	D. F. George
420	Nipissing	North Bay	2d Monday	Geo. W. Lee	W. I. Johnson
421	Scott	Grand Valley	W on or b f m	Jan. McClelland	Wm. McIntyre
422	Star of the East	Rothwell	W on or b f m	Hy. H. Kelly	J. J. Vincent
423	Strong	Sundridge	2d Monday	John Maxwell	A. McDonald
424	Doria	Pickering	Th. on or b f m	R. E. Johnston	D. E. Fugh
425	St. Clair	Sombra	Tu. on or b f m	W. W. Storer	Geo. A. Smith
426	Stanley	W. Tor. June	1st Tuesday	W. L. Joy	Wm. Harris
427	Nichol	Sudbury	1st Wednesday	W. A. Evans	Jan. Fowler
428	Fidelity	Port Perry	F on or b f m	Jan. H. Froehner	Wm. Spence
429	Port Elgin	Port Elgin	Th. on or b f m	John Doff	J. T. Little
430	Archie	East Toronto	2d Monday	C. Fitzpatrick	T. O. Patterson
431	Moreau	Eden Grove	F on or a f m	Thos. Chittick	Wm. J. McKee
432	Manover	Manover	F on or b f m	S. M. Armstrong	John Rutherford
433	Monmouth	Essexville	2d Monday	Jan. D. L. Lettich	Geo. Reever
434	Algonquin	Essexville	Tu. on or a f m	A. W. Freeland	Robt. McKenney
435	Havelock	Havelock	F on or b f m	W. H. Ritchie	W. O. Stewart
436	Horne	Essexville	Tu. on or a f m	Robt. E. Reid	A. J. Reid
437	Tussock	Sarnia	2d Wednesday	Wm. Shaw	Geo. Weir
438	Harmony	Toronto	4th Monday	A. L. E. Davies	W. T. Martin
439	Alexandria	Alexandria	1st Tuesday	E. H. Tiffany	John St. James
440	Arctida	Windsor	F on or b f m	John Welch	W. S. Mund
441	Westport	Westport	1st Friday	W. C. Taylor	M. R. Crocker
442	Belmont	Thessalon	Th. on or b f m	J. E. Corroll	W. M. Argue
443	Powassan	Powassan	2d Friday	O. H. Coombs	L. O. Phillips
444	Nitche	Cresmore	Tu. on or a f m	J. A. Bell	B. J. Fisher
445	Cl. de the Woods	Fort Portage	2d Wednesday	G. C. Frieble	W. A. Wilson
446	Granite	Fort Frances	Tu. on or b f m	J. A. Smith	P. H. Warner
447	Sturgeon Falls	Sturgeon Falls	M on or b f m	G. W. McFarland	Jan. D. Corbett
448	Lenox	Wheatley	Tu. on or b f m	Thos. L. Hambo	R. Hanson
449	Dundalk	Dundalk	W on or b f m	J. A. Rumborck	E. Mountcastle
450	Hawkesbury	Hawkesbury	Thursday b f m	P. W. Thomkins	John Shurman
451	Albionville	Albionville	Th. on or b f m	Geo. Trale	Amos Train
452	Avonmore	Avonmore	Tu. on or b f m	S. E. Shaver	F. Trudelle
453	Royal	Pt. William	1st Wednesday	A. McNaughton	F. C. Perry
454	Arctida	Burk's Falls	1st Monday	Joe F. Hillier	R. J. Sturgess
455	Doria	Little Carleton	Tu. on or b f m	R. H. Turner	G. R. Powell
456	Elma	Windsor	Th. on or b f m	A. B. Terry	A. Chalmers
457	Century	Merlin	1st Monday	W. P. Robertson	W. P. Tenney
458	Wales	Wales	M on or b f m	G. O. Carson	W. J. Hoft
459	London	London	2d Tuesday	Robt. Delaney	R. D. McLaren
460	Rideau	Wesley's Bay	Th. on or b f m	R. J. Gardiner	Geo. R. Hawkins
461	Alton	Alton	1st Thursday	J. T. Stephenson	D. Dorian
462	Terminating	New Lichfield	Th. on or b f m	Rev. F. E. Pitts	Edwin Monaghan
463	North Entrance	Waltham	4th Friday	Ralph Clark	A. R. Jones
464	King Edward	Sunderland	F on or b f m	Joe Thompson	R. O. Rutherford
465	Carleton	Carleton	F on or b f m	Geo. N. Kidd	T. E. Argue
466	at Oranien	Elmville	1st Friday	W. F. W. Lent	Rev. A. J. Paul
467	Paul	Caladen East	F on or b f m	John Macche	A. P. Potter
468	Tottenham	Tottenham	F on or b f m	F. N. Leavens	
469	Algonia	St. Mary's	2d Wednesday	David D. Lewis	
470	Victoria	Vic. Harbor	Th. on or b f m	F. Byron Brown	D. O. MacKibbin
471	King Edward VII.	Chippewa	1st Wed. F. M.	Geo. H. Brown	M. M. Kenate
U D	Que. Bay	Que. Bay	1st Wed. E. M.	Joe Johnson	
U D	The Beachers	Halmy Beach	2d Saturday	J. McP. Ross	W. J. Farmer
U D	Victoria	Toronto Jun	2d Tuesday	Wm. J. Shoppard	Edwin R. Rogers
U D	Dundurn	Hamilton	3d Saturday	John Hooper	G. H. Lantjan
U D	Corinthian	North Gower	F on or b f m		

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No. of Lodge	Initia'd	Passed	Raised	J. ed.	With- drawn	Deaths	S. N. P. D.	S. U. M. C.	Exp'd	Rest'd.	Totals M'ns	Last Ret'n	Ledger.		Paid Grand Lodge
													Dr. Bal.	Cr. Bal.	
414	8	7	9	4	3	1	6				103	Dec. '04		3 25	\$ 76 75
415	28	23	21	2	3					1	113	"			193 25
416	1	1									37	"		25	30 00
417	1		1	1	1						61	"		2 00	36 75
418	6	6	7	1							77	"			80 50
419	3	8	9		2	2					90	"		1 75	80 25
420	3	8	7	1	3						116	Jun 1904		7 75	141 75
421	15	16			3	3					67	Dec. '04			79 25
422	3	7		2	3	1					44	"		75	32 50
423	5				3						56	"		3 00	54 25
424	5	6			1	2					38	Jun 1904	11 50		
425	5	6		3	2		1				63	Dec. '04	25		47 50
426	15	11	16	1	2		2			1	252	"			120 00
427	1	13	11	1	3						136	Jun 1904			91 75
428	1	4	3	1	3						80	"		2 00	46 25
429	1	4	3	1	3		2				50	"		1 00	34 00
430	1	10	6		3						120	"			67 50
431	1	5	5		3		5			1	46	Dec. '04			48 25
432	1	1	5		3	1					44	Jun 1904		25	37 00
433	1	3	2	1	1						48	Dec. '04		6 00	44 50
434	1	1	1								67	"			34 50
435	1	5	7	1	1	2					78	"		25	69 25
436	2	2	2		1	1					35	"		8 00	30 75
437	17	16	2	2	1	1					119	"			95 00
438	31	20	6	3	3	5					278	"		2 00	238 00
439	1	1			3	2					42	Jun 1904			26 50
440	3	3	3		5	1					43	Dec. '04		6 75	31 25
441	2	2	3		1	1	1				35	"		5 25	24 75
442	5	5	6	1	4	1					70	"		1 50	68 25
443	12	13	2								54	"		1 50	70 50
444	7	6		3	1	1					50	"		6 00	50 50
445	4	5		1	1	2	1				30	Jun 1904	1 00		18 00
446	1	1			1			1			52	Dec. '04		1 25	30 50
447	5	3	2	2			2				51	"		16 00	90 00
448	3	2									52	"			25 00
449	6	4			2						34	"	12 25		22 25
450	10	9			2						56	Jun 1904	3 00		47 50
451	4	2			6						55	Dec. '04			43 75
452	1	1					1				39	"			21 75
453	4	3	1								51	Jun 1904	4 50		57 50
454	8	11	2	1	1						40	Dec. '04		2 25	25 00
455	10	7		10							63	"			106 75
456	2	2	1								32	"			33 25
457											13	Jun 1903			
458	6	5	1		1						53	Dec. '04		2 00	47 50
459	7	5	1								49	"			27 50
460	12	7	2								49	"		1 25	93 75
461	14	13	2								61	"			92 25
462	8	10	1				1				48	"	3 00		40 00
463	7	7		8	2	1					32	"			64 50
464	6	6									38	"			75 00
465	12	14	4								40	"			49 00
466	10	14	2								42	"	5 00		69 00
467	14	11	6								39	"	12 00		24 25
468	16	11			1						31	Jun 1904	10 00		14 00
469	28	16	15		1						64	"	6 40		20 00
470	23	20	3								45	Dec. '04		14 00	66 75
471	10	7	1								25	Aug. '01	20 00		
G. B.											16	Oct. '04			32 00
Dea	3		2								33	April '05			20 00
Vic			1		1						17	May '05	20 00		
Cor											16				
											14				

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Interest 5900 75
Miscellaneous 625 25

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GRAND LODGE OF CANADA.

LIST OF LODGES—BY DISTRICTS.

ERIE DISTRICT, NO. 1. (94.)

D.D.G.M.—R. W. Bro. Geo. B. Crumb, Chatham.

No. 34, Thistle	Amherstburg	No. 338, Highgate	Highgate
" 41, St. George	Kingsville	" 386, McCall	West Lorne
" 46, Wellington	Chatham	" 390, Florence	Florence
" 47, Great Western	Windsor	" 391, Howard	Ridgetown
" 945, Tecumseh	Thamesville	" 395, Parvaim	Comber
" 955, Sydenham	Dresden	" 402, Central	Essex
" 957, Parthenon	Chatham	" 403, Windsor	Windsor
" 974, Kent	Blenheim	" 411, Rodney	Rodney
" 982, Lorne	Glencoe	" 418, Naphtali	Tilbury Centre
" 990, Leamington	Leamington	" 422, Star of the East	Bothwell
" 312, Pnyx	Wallaceburg	" 448, Xenophon	Wheatley
" 227, The Hammond	Wardville	" 457, Century	Merlin

ST. CLAIR DISTRICT, NO. 2. (90.)

D.D.G.M.—R. W. Bro. S. E. Cornell, Sarnia.

No. 66, Victoria	Sarnia	No. 224, Moore	Courtright
" 81, St. John's	Mt. Brydges	" 307, Arkona	Arkona
" 83, Beaver	Strathroy	" 323, Alvinston	Alvinston
" 116, Cassia	Thedford	" 329, Ionic	Napier
" 153, Burns	Wyoming	" 364, Dufferin	Melbourne
" 158, Alexandra	Oil Springs	" 393, Huron	Cambridge
" 194, Petrolia	Petrolia	" 397, Leopold	Brigden
" 238, Havelock	Watford	" 419, Bismarck	Point Edward
" 260, Washington	Petrolia	" 425, St. Clair	Sombra
" 263, Forest	Forest	" 437, Tuscan	Sarnia

LONDON DISTRICT, NO. 3. (96.)

D.D.G.M.—R. W. Bro. J. A. Tancock, London.

No. 90, St. John's	London	No. 299, Doric	Lebo
" 42, St. George's	London	" 300, Mt. Olivet	Thorndale
" 44, St. Thomas	St. Thomas	" 309, St. David's	St. Thomas
" 64, Kilwinning	London	" 330, Corinthian	London East
" 94, St. Mark's	Port Stanley	" 344, Merrill	Dorchester Station
" 107, St. Paul's	Lambeth	" 345, Nilestown	Nilestown
" 120, Warren	Fingal	" 358, Delaware Valley	Delaware
" 140, Malahide	Aylmer	" 378, King Solomon's	London W
" 171, Prince of Wales	Lawrence	" 379, Middlesex	Bryanston
" 190, Belmont	Belmont	" 380, Union	London
" 195, Tuscan	London	" 386, Henderson	Ilderton
" 209a, St. John's	London	" 394, King Solomon	Thamesford
" 232, Cameron	Dutton	" 399, Modat	Harrietsville

SOUTH HURON DISTRICT, NO. 4. (16.)

D.D.G.M.—R. W. Bro. L. H. Dickson, Exeter.

No. 33, Maitland	Goderich	No. 205, New Domin'n	New Hamb'g
" 73, St. James'	St. Mary's	" 224, Zurich	Hensall
" 84, Clinton	Clinton	" 233, Doric	Parkhill
" 133, Lebanon Forest	Exeter	" 303, Blyth	Blyth
" 141, Tudor	Mitchell	" 309, Morning Star	Smith's Hill
" 144, Tecumseh	Stratford	" 318, Wilnot	Baden
" 154, Irving	Lucan	" 332, Stratford	Stratford
" 170, Britannia	Seaforth	" 450, Eima	Monkton

NORTH HURON DISTRICT, NO. 5. (19.)

D.D.G.M.—R. W. Bro. Peter McLaren, Paisley.

No. 93, Northern Light	Kincardine	No. 331, Fordwich	Fordwich
" 131, St. Lawrence	Southampton	" 341, Bruce	Tiverton
" 162, Forest	Wroxeter	" 362, Maple Leaf	Tara
" 164, Old Light	Lucknow	" 393, Forest	Chesley
" 197, Saugeen	Walkerton	" 396, Cedar	Wiarou
" 225, Bernard	Listowel	" 429, Port Elgin	Port Elgin
" 235, Aldworth	Paisley	" 431, Moravian	Eden Grove
" 276, Teeswater	Teeswater	" 432, Hanover	Hanover
" 284, St. John's	Brussels	" 436, Burns	Hepworth
" 286, Wingham	Wingham		

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WILSON DISTRICT, NO. 6. (21.)

D.D.G.M.—R. W. Bro. J. B. Waddle, Port Dover

No. 10, Norfolk.....	Simcoe	No. 149, Erie.....	Port Dover
37, King Hiram.....	Ingersoll	174, Walsingham.....	Port Rowan
43, King Solomon.....	Woodstock	178, Flatville.....	Flatville
68, St. John's.....	Ingersoll	181, Oriental.....	Port Burwall
76, Oxford.....	Woodstock	198, Scotland.....	Scotland
78, King Hiram.....	Tillicumburg	217, Frederick.....	Dalhi
82, St. John's.....	Paris	237, Vienna.....	Vienna
104, St. John's.....	Norwich	250, Thistle.....	Embro
106, Burford.....	Burford	261, Oak Branch.....	Innerkip
108, Blenheim.....	Princeton	269, Victoria.....	Victoria
113, Wilson.....	Waterford		

WELLINGTON DISTRICT, NO. 7. (21.)

D.D.G.M.—R. W. Bro. W. G. Stephenson, Guelph.

No. 72, Alma.....	Galt	No. 279, New Hope.....	Heapeler
151, The Grand River.....	Berlin	293, Conestogo.....	Drayton
172, Ayr.....	Ayr	297, Preston.....	Preston
180, Speed.....	Guelph	306, Durham.....	Durham
200, St. Alban's.....	Mount Forest	314, Blair.....	Palmerston
203, Irvine.....	Elora	318, Clifford.....	Clifford
216, Harris.....	Orangeville	334, Prince Arthur.....	Arthur
237, Galt.....	Galt	347, Mercer.....	Fergus
258, Guelph.....	Guelph	361, Waverly.....	Guelph
262, Harriston.....	Harriston	421, Scott.....	Grand Valley
271, Wellington.....	Erin		

HAMILTON DISTRICT, NO. 8. (22.)

D.D.G.M.—R. W. Bro. J. O. McGregor, Watertown.

No. 6, The Barton.....	Hamilton	No. 166, Wentworth.....	Stoney Creek
27, Strict Observance.....	Hamilton	219, Credit.....	Georgetown
40, St. John's.....	Hamilton	243, St. George.....	St. George
45, Brant.....	Brantford	272, Seymour.....	Ancaster
57, Harmony.....	Binbrook	291, Dufferin.....	West Flamboro'
61, Acacia.....	Hamilton	321, Walker.....	Acton West
62, St. Andrew's.....	Caledonia	324, Temple.....	Hamilton
100, Valley.....	Dundas	357, Watertown.....	Millgrove
121, Doric.....	Brantford	382, Doric.....	Hamilton
135, St. Clair.....	Milton	400, Oakville.....	Oakville
166, Burlington.....	Burlington	U.D. Dundurn.....	Hamilton

GEORGIAN DISTRICT, NO. 9. (23.)

D.D.G.M.—R. W. Bro. A. D. Knight, Collingwood.

No. 79, Simcoe.....	Bradford	No. 304, Minerva.....	Stroud
88, St. George's.....	Owen Sound	322, North Star.....	Owen Sound
90, Manito.....	Collingwood	333, Prince Arthur.....	Flesherton
98, Corinthian.....	Barrie	348, Georgian.....	Penetanguishene
137, Pythagoras.....	Meaford	377, Lorne.....	Shelburne
192, Orillia.....	Orillia	385, Spry.....	Beeton
230, Kerr.....	Barrie	444, Nitatus.....	Creemore
234, Beaver.....	Clarksburg	449, Dundalk.....	Dundalk
236, Manitoba.....	Cookstown	466, Coronation.....	Elmvale
249, Caledonian.....	Midland	467, Tottenham.....	Tottenham
266, Northern Light.....	Stayner	470, Victoria.....	Victoria Harbor
285, Seven Star.....	Alliston		

NIAGARA DISTRICT, NO. 10. (22.)

D.D.G.M.—R. W. Bro. Robert McDonald, Hagersville.

No. 2, Niagara.....	Niagara	No. 231, Mountain.....	Thorold
7, Union.....	Grimsby	254, Clifton.....	Niagara
15, St. George's.....	St. Catharines	277, Seymour.....	Port Dalhousie
32, Amity.....	Dunnville	296, Temple.....	St. Catharines
35, St. John's.....	Cayuga	319, Hiram.....	Hagersville
108, Maple Leaf.....	St. Catharines	329, King Solomon.....	Jarvis
108, St. Mark's.....	Drummondville	337, Myrtle.....	Port Robinson
116, Ivy.....	Beamsville	338, Dufferin.....	Wellandport
148, Merritt.....	Welland	372, Palmer.....	Bridgeburg
160, Macnab.....	Port Colborne	373, Copestone.....	Welland
186, Enniskillen.....	York	471, King Edward VII.....	Chippewa

GRAND LODGE OF CANADA.

TORONTO WEST DISTRICT NO. 11. (22).

D.D.G.M.—R. W. Bro. E. M. Carleton, Toronto.

No. 22, King Solomon's.....Toronto	No. 305, Humber.....Weston
" 54, Vaughan.....Maple	" 311, Blackwood.....Woodbridge
" 66, Rehoboth.....Toronto	" 325, Zetland.....Toronto
" 68, Wilson.....Toronto	" 345, Occident.....Toronto
" 98, True Blue.....Bolton	" 356, River Park.....Streetville
" 118, Union.....Schomberg	" 369, Mimico.....Lambton Mills
" 156, York.....North Toronto	" 384, Alpha.....Toronto
" 222, Ionic.....Brampton	" 425, Stanley.....Toronto Junction
" 247, Ashlar.....Toronto	" 438, Harmony.....Toronto
" 265, Patterson.....Thornhill	" 460, Peel.....Caledon East
" 292, Robertson.....King	U.D. Victoria.....Toronto Junction

TORONTO EAST DISTRICT NO. 11a. (21.)

D.D.G.M.—R. W. Bro. Fred W. Harcourt, Toronto.

No. 16, St. Andrew's.....Toronto	No. 269, Brougham Union.....Brougham
" 22, Richmond.....Richmond Hill	" 315, Doric.....Toronto
" 25, Ionic.....Toronto	" 329, Orient.....Toronto
" 75, St. John's.....Toronto	" 343, Georgina.....Toronto
" 87, Markham Union.....Markham	" 354, Brock.....Cannington
" 97, Sharon.....Sharon	" 367, St. George.....Toronto
" 99, Tuscan.....Newmarket	" 410, Zeta.....Toronto
" 129, The Rising Sun.....Aurora	" 424, Doric.....Pickering
" 136, Richardson.....Stouffville	" 430, Acacia.....East Toronto
" 148, Stevenson.....Toronto	U.D. The Beaches.....Balm Beach
" 220, Zeredatha.....Uxbridge	

ONTARIO DISTRICT, NO. 12. (15.)

D.D.G.M.—R. W. Bro. J. W. Watson, Minden.

No. 30, Composite.....Whitby	No. 408, Murray.....Beaverton
" 39, Mount Zion.....Brooklin	" 423, Fidelity.....Port Perry
" 77, Faithful Brethren.....Lindsay	" 440, Arcadia.....Minden
" 139, Lebanon.....Oshawa	" 451, Somerville.....Kinmount
" 258, Verulam.....Bobcaygeon	" 463, North Entrance.....Haliburton
" 270, Cedar.....Oshawa	" 464, King Edward.....Sunderland
" 328, Victoria.....Kirkfield	U.D. Woodville.....Woodville
" 406, The Spry.....Fenelon Falls	

PRINCE EDWARD DISTRICT NO. 13. (19.)

D.D.G.M.—R. W. Bro. W. N. Ponton, Belleville.

No. 11, Molra.....Belleville	No. 194, Golden Rule.....Campbellford
" 17, St. John's.....Cobourg	" 197, Frank.....Frankford
" 18, Prince Edward.....Picton	" 161, Percy.....Warkworth
" 22, United.....Brighton	" 164, Star in the East.....Wellington
" 26, Trent.....Trenton	" 215, Lake.....Ameliasburg
" 48, Madoc.....Madoc	" 222, Marmora.....Marmora
" 50, Connecon.....Connecon	" 239, Tweed.....Tweed
" 69, Stirling.....Stirling	" 263, Eureka.....Belleville
" 91, Colborne.....Colborne	" 401, Craig.....Deseronto
" 123, The Belleville.....Belleville	

FRONTENAC DISTRICT NO. 14. (15.)

D.D.G.M.—R. W. Bro. W. E. Herrington, Napanee.

No. 3, The Anc't St. John's.....Kingston	No. 212, Elysian.....Garden Island
" 9, Union.....Napanee	" 228, Prince Arthur.....Odessa
" 98, Cataract.....Kingston	" 253, Minden.....Kingston
" 109, Albion.....Harrowsmith	" 269, Victoria.....Centreville
" 119, Maple Leaf.....Bath	" 404, Lorne.....Tatworth
" 146, Prince of Wales.....Newburgh	" 441, Westport.....Westport
" 157, Simpson.....Newboro'	" 460, Rideau.....Seeley's Bay
" 201, Leeds.....Gananoque	

ST LAWRENCE DISTRICT, NO. 15. (14.)

D.D.G.M.—R. W. Bro. W. H. Waddell, North Augusta.

No. 5, Sumner.....Brockville	No. 110, Central.....Prescott
" 14, True Britons.....Perth	" 242, Macoy.....Mallorytown
" 24, St. Francis.....Smith's Falls	" 264, Salem.....Brockville
" 26, Mount Zion.....Kemptville	" 370, Harmony.....Delta
" 65, Merrickville.....Merrickville	" 387, Lansdowne.....Lansdowne
" 74, St. James.....Bethel	" 389, Crystal Fountain.....N. Augusta
" 85, Rising Sun.....Farmersville	" 415, Lyn.....Lyn

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OTTAWA DISTRICT, NO. 14. (18.)

D.D.G.M.—B. W. Bro. A. S. Gorrell, Ashton.

No. 82, Dalhousie .. Ottawa	No. 196, Madawaska .. Arnprior
" 88, Doris .. Ottawa	" 209, Kvergreen .. Lanark
" 68, St. John's .. Carleton Place	" 231, Lodge of Fidelity .. Ottawa
" 192, Renfrew .. Renfrew	" 264, Chaudiere .. Ottawa
" 126, Pembroke .. Pembroke	" 371, Prince of Wales .. Ottawa
" 147, Mississippi .. Almonte	" 433, Monnechere .. Eganville
" 148, Civil Service .. Ottawa	" 466, Cobden .. Cobden
" 156, Goodwood .. Richmond	" 466, Carleton .. Carp
" 177, The Builders .. Ottawa	U. D. Corinthian .. North Gower

ALGOMA DISTRICT, NO. 17. (8.)

D.D.G.M.—R. W. Bro. Donald Robertson, Rainy River.

No. 997, Shuniah .. Port Arthur	No. 445, Lake of the Woods .. Kenora
" 414, Pequonge .. Kenora	" 446, Granite .. Fort Frances
" 415, Fort William .. Fort William	" 453, Royal .. Fort William
" 417, Keewatin .. Keewatin	" 461, Ionic .. Rainy River

NIPISSING DISTRICT NO. 18. (10.)

D.D.G.M.—R. W. Bro. H. D. Leach, North Bay.

No. 406, Mattawa .. Mattawa	No. 447, Sturgeon Falls, Sturgeon Falls
" 412, Keystone .. Sault Ste. Marie	" 455, Doris .. Little Current
" 420, Nipissing .. North Bay	" 468, Teniscaming, New Liskeard
" 437, Nickel .. Sudbury	" 469, Algoma .. Sault Ste. Marie
" 442, Dymont .. Thessalon	U. D. Gore Bay .. Gore Bay

MUSKOKA DISTRICT, NO. 19. (8.)

D.D.G.M.—R. W. Bro. A. Carmichael, Sundridge.

No. 366, Granite .. Parry Sound	No. 493, Strong .. Sundridge
" 360, Muskoka .. Bracebridge	" 434, Algonquin .. Emsdale
" 375, Unity .. Huntsville	" 443, Powassan .. Powassan
" 409, Golden Rule .. Gravenhurst	" 454, Corona .. Burke's Falls

OTONABEE DISTRICT, NO. 20. (13.)

D.D.G.M.—R. W. Bro. John Hull, Lakeshield.

No. 25, Ontario .. Port Hope	No. 223, Norwood .. Norwood
" 31, Jerusalem .. Bowmanville	" 313, Clementi .. Lakeshield
" 66, Durham .. Newcastle	" 325, Orono .. Orono
" 101, Corinthian .. Peterborough	" 374, Keene .. Keene
" 114, Hope .. Port Hope	" 375, Lorne .. Onemee
" 145, J. B. Hall .. Millbrook	" 426, Havelock .. Havelock
" 155, Peterborough .. Peterborough	

EASTERN DISTRICT, NO. 21. (14.)

D.D.G.M.—R. W. Bro. A. M. Fulton, Chesterville.

No. 21a, St. John's .. Vankleek Hill	No. 320, Chesterville .. Chesterville
" 126, Cornwall .. Cornwall	" 323, Henderson West .. Winchester
" 142, Exochord .. Morrisburg	" 416, Maxville .. Maxville
" 143, Friendly Brothers .. Iroquois	" 429, Alexandria .. Alexandria
" 166, Plantagenet .. Plantagenet	" 450, Hawkesbury .. Hawkesbury
" 207, Lancaster .. Lancaster	" 452, Avonmore .. Avonmore
" 256, Farran's Point .. Aultville	" 454, Wales .. Wales

RECAPITULATION.

District	No.	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	11	12	13	14	15	16	17	18	19	20	21	22	23	24	Lodges.
St. Clair	"	2																								20
London	"	3																								26
South Huron	"	4																								16
North Huron	"	5																								19
Wilson	"	6																								21
Wellington	"	7																								21
Hamilton	"	8																								22
Georgian	"	9																								23
Niagara	"	10																								22
Toronto West	"	11																								22
Toronto East	"	12																								21
Ontario	"	13																								15
Prince Edward	"	14																								19
Frontenac	"	15																								15
St. Lawrence	"	16																								14
Ottawa	"	17																								18
Algoma	"	18																								10
Nipissing	"	19																								10
Muskoka	"	20																								13
Otonabee	"	21																								14
Eastern	"	22																								14

SUSPENSIONS 1906.

No 2—Chas W Bishop 3—T D Lafferty J D Thompson 4—O H Finnemore 5—H Wonda 6—A Allen 7—J John L W Capley 8—Jas Hagley 9—Om A Kaye T W (retirement) A D Smith 10—R Benson 11—Dava Jas Gilleme 12—V Mountair 13—C D Koolesoyda 14—Kumbala P Thompson A F Winks 15—A Young J L McIntosh 16—John H Farley Wm H Gm Wm D Hamilton 17—Bainclair 18—F Radget 19—T I Farnsworth Robt Stewart 20—Jas B Wilson 21—Adam Burdeman John D Hunter Chas H Warden 22—S Anderson H McKnight 23—Egan 24—Adolph Egan 25—J C Johnston Wm W Smith Wm Fotta 26—W M Connor 27—L B Faddenburgh Jas D Edgar 28—Jas B Lancaster Wm H Tripp Fred Ford W J Farley 29—B W Hesterfield 30—A Edmond W J Dickinson 31—T Lopez A Tordwell 32—Thos Spitzer Jno H. nist Thos Ridge Jno L Hamilton 33—Fred Hall Samuel Webb 34—D Clif ford W D Cornon Thos Dawson C Bennett Thos E Hott John C Taylor C Whitney 35—C (Diagrams) E J Forsyth 36—Chas George Wm Robinson Jas Heywood Wm Wray 37—H Houting Wm Paul C (Diagrams) W W Lonsdale 38—D C Mohay 39—Wm Lane Alton I Webber Wm De Podeston 40—W Haddy 41—Arthur Wiggan 42—J Phillip 43—Duncan McMillan 44—Walter McLeod 45—J E Leary 46—D Lamont 47—Duncan C Mohay 48—Chas H Moore Wm MacWhinney Rich F Graham Wm F Houston 49—Thos H Rutherford 50—Thos Orell W Cummings 51—A Campbell H Burdun D Kennedy A Macdonald 52—McKenna H McKenna 53—W Jones 54—Wm J Harris 55—R E Chas W Korteight 56—Jas A Melane 57—Wm D Cull 58—H Quackenbush 59—C E Rogers 60—Jas W Douglas Geo D Greenwood 61—C Smith Jas Myers 62—C A Kaine W Shore Alex Taylor A Smith D Lewis Robt Boston (Lifton) W E Hunt Wm Shannon H Melville F Hoot 63—A Hamed A Hyslop 64—E W Benjamin 65—H W Bennett 66—J Smith Jas Standart W H B Dowdley A H Morgan W M West 67—J O Leggett 68—J J Dowley 69—H W Aitch 70—Wm Melville 71—John F Aitch J O Doney 72—H Duncan 73—T B Macdonald 74—C H Macdonald 75—Wm F Habb 76—M French P Hume 77—H A Robertson J W A Kirk H A Bradley 78—H H Pitts W P Chamberlain T W Howson 79—E V Dodge 80—A Hutton W P W Carstairs Wm H Adam C D Shannon W A H Fletcher 81—Thos A Brown L E Westlander 82—G F Kennedy R H Powell 83—Thos O Donnell J F Jolley John Walde Thos Ryan 84—T Aitch T Coleman R U Blackburn 85—Geo Duffield F A O Neil 86—A Douce 87—Rich Clegg 88—Thos Palmer John Walter John F Morley Jas K Westcott Jas Hadden Robt Anderson 89—R B Stephenson 90—Geo Spott F Stanton J W Brown 91—H H McMaster Wm Crutchell Chas Woodward T L Kerr Woodward 92—J T Dunstons H Stothers M Fashner 93—Geo W Lough 94—A Fennie Wm Jackson 95—H Middleton 96—John H Smith Wallace McNaughton 97—Melane 98—Rich M Yeager 99—E Hunter 100—O C McGillivray 101—Jas W Ritchie John A Campbell 102—W J Whitcomb Jas Hume 103—Wm J Thibout 104—E Burns 105—Jas Partridge John McPherson John Rothman A H Whaley 106—Frank Sheppard Walter Shipman 107—Wm W O Hinchwe 108—T Gontoman 109—W F Fleming 110—Rateman W H Laird 111—Hughes W J Allen 112—W W W P Noe 113—Cordingley J MacCormac 114—Furde Chas Hynde W F Hays J W Hynde J A Ferguson 115—E F Beck T J Biala 116—Geo Hurst 117—J H Melvin 118—A Storme 119—W T Hartle 120—Geo Hm Stewart T J Burman 121—D F Wilson D M Lench J Vincent 122—J A Melane W J Shaw 123—Wm H Davidson D Branton W W Hatters 124—H M Turnbull 125—A A Appelford Chas Duncan Geo D Hopkins John Johnston W H Redmond 126—A Tye 127—John Alexander 128—A Coombs 129—W H Fland 130—Hardman J M Lawell 131—H S Grundy 132—King J Stephens 133—H (Diagrams) 134—Chas H Burns 135—John King 136—F McQuinn John F Watson 137—A B Tongue 138—Geo T H Fisher 139—Jas Haley 140—C H Chisholm 141—Geo Hm met 142—John Lyon 143—Wm H Robertson 144—John Hadden 145—John H Hough Jas L Johnston 146—W J Green John Henderson 147—W J Dorry 148—A Watson 149—A Horgan Israel Morse W H King 150—Courtney 151—H Hume 152—J A McFarlane W F Trade 153—A Caldwell 154—J F Rich 155—A H Robertson 156—J J H Mart 157—W Cavers 158—A W H Gould 159—W St John 160—J Wellington 161—H H A T J Hutchinson 162—D McAlister 163—J O Galbraith 164—H G F Fleming 165—H H Hott Thos Heywood Robt Price 166—C L Young A T Conner 167—J Brown 168—H Horgan C W Himmels 169—Ebbiter W T Melane 170—H Horgan 171—A Piquan 172—W W Jernyn 173—H Jasi 174—Porter 175—Jas Robinson 176—Wm Laidley Isaac Buchanan J A Walker A Ferguson 177—Thos Wilson Wm H Kenne 178—Struthers 179—Chas Heywood 180—Thos Tait 181—Jas Patterson 182—W H Chittell Frank Collier Wm Vanatter 183—W P Blair J Dorman 184—H Hm O'Brien 185—McElbham J O Peterson J Sheridan J Thompson T H Young 186—Chas Hark 187—C D Butler 188—G H Doolley 189—Wm Wm 190—J J Horgan 191—Hm O'Brien 192—W O Camp den 193—C C Conner 194—J H Conner 195—A G F McFarlane 196—Robt B Harding 197—A P McLaughlin 198—John G Reah 199—Wm H Horgan 200—A G Lewis 201—

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: A E Cutbush, L T Doloomyn, F A P Chinn, 381—D O Buchanan, 382
: Kane, 383—Harbert Dyer & Danson, Albert Fisher, John B Mays, John
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: gart, G B Somerville, 385—Chas F Thomas, 386—W McO Mitchell, 387—
: Campbell, R A Wright, T C Taylor, Jas Parker, E H Forman, 388—R A
: amson, 389—James W McTaggart, 390—T Higgins, C W Howlett, 391—
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: Neffert, 394—F D Fisher, John Munn, J E McLennan, John Small,
: Young, 395—C M Whitworth, 396—T B Birchack, 397—John McNeil, Wm
: shall, 398—B W Picket, 399—J A Hamilton, 400—F Freeman.

DEATHS 1904.

1—John Cloakburg, 15th December, '04. 2—Geo Newlands, 15th July.
Wm Oatman, 15th September '04. Jonathan Taylor 15th March, '04.
3—Harold 15th April '04. John Ross 15th June '04. 4—James Mason 15th
: obert 04 Wm King 15th May '04. 5—A A Moore 1st July '04. J Richmond,
: September '04. 6—H Ford 15th February '04. D Thomas 15th February,
: c. Melina, 2nd April '04. Thos M Haine 15th May '04. 10—John Scott, 9th
: e, '04. 11—J H Mcneash 20th December '04. C Bais 15th May '04. 12—Jan
: 15th July '04. 13—P Fairmore, 15th January '04. A Wilson 15th August,
: 16—Wm P. Sutton 15th October '04. Wm H Smith 15th November, '04. A
: tuate 15th February '04. 17—P D Ostrander 15th March, '04; Ed Merrill,
: 1 June, '04. 18—Edward Winott 15th September '04. Robt Orr 15th
: onry '04. 19—R A Hodgson 15th November '04. 20—Wm Douglas 15th
: ober '04. Jos I. Hancock 15th November '04. T Armstrong 15th April '04.
: as Tully 15th April '04. 21—Thos Murray 15th July '04. 22—James Rich-
: rd, 15th September, '04. John O Robinson 15th November '04. Eves Tully
: 1 April '04. J H Moss 15th April, '04. 23—T G Moss 15th July '04. 24—
: t, 15th January '04. J W Quinlan 15th April '04. 25—H A L Dixon 15th
: ember '04. John McHaffie 15th September, '04. J N Brown, 15th May '04.
: Otter, 15th November '04. 26—Arnold Dorland 15th December,
: 27—Wm Johnston 15th December '04. 28—Wm H Broad 15th Novem-
: ber, '04. H Ross, 15th February '04. 29—A C McDonald, J J Mcneash, E. am-
: gna, 15th January '04. J M Rutherford, 24 J M Park 15th January '04. B
: 15th May '04. 30—15th August '04. 31—D Thompson, 15th Feb-
: ry, '04. 32—R Doherty 15th December '04. J H Simpson 15th October '04,
: 33—15th February '04. 34—15th January, '04. T Hewick 15th May '04.
: McIntyre 15th March '04. M Williams 15th March '04. W J Hamon, 15th
: p '04. 41—J M Middaugh 15th October '04. Wm Wight 15th October '04.
: h Rathvon 15th October '04. L N Kerach 15th March '04. 43—A H Munro,
: March '04. J B. Dabney 15th November '04. J M Lingale 15th February
: W J Green 15th February '04. 44—John Gummer 15th February '04—
: m I Lawlor H T Pullen 15th May '04. J Smith 15th April '04. 45—J Puddi-
: 15th April '04. 46—Henry Munro, 15th June '04. 47—Geo J Ponce 15th
: umber '04. 48—W McLaughlin 15th January, '04. Jas McNally 15th
: umber '04. Geo King 15th November '04. Wm Coyle 15th April '04. John
: edon 15th July '04. 49—D J Campbell 15th August '04. D Ross 15th
: umber '04. A Bailey 15th August '04. R F Tula, 15th August '04. Wm
: holds, 15th January '04. D Goser 15th June '04. 54—Peter Patterson 15th
: y, '04. 55—Fred R Putman 15th December '04. 56—D McHester 15th
: umber '04. J A Mackenzie 15th November '04. J V Mory, 15th Septem-
: ber, '04. J B Byrnes 15th January '04. 61—Aaron Hardin 15th October '04. C
: hamlyde, 15th October '04. T A Norris 15th November '04. A T Hazell 15th
: umber '04. W W Alton 15th March '04. 63—Wm E T Aldridge 15th
: umber '04. 64—Hiram Bykes 15th July '04. Aaron Brown 15th October
: 65—Robt Currie 15th February '04. A H K. Murray 15th August '04. J W
: 15th November '04. 66—Wm Harp 15th December '04. Jos I. Hancock,
: 1 November '04. D H Watt 15th February '04. R F Clarke 15th March '04.
: 15th April '04. John Holter 15th May '04. 68—P F Randle 15th
: y, '04. 69—H. Hamon, 15th September '04. W R Hunter 15th December '04.
: H G Lawrence, 15th April '04. T B Michie 15th September '04. Wm
: on, 15th October '04. D Walker 15th January '04. W B Short 15th March, '04.
: J A Stewart 15th July '04. J Keston 15th April '04. J Rutherford 15th
: p '04. 77—Geo W Ross January '04. Thos Walters August '04. W B
: ight, May '04. 78—John Langrid 15th August '04. 79—J W Simpson 15th
: umber '04. 80—Geo W McNeil 15th June '04. 81—Thos Dawson '04.
: 82—Morgan 15th July '04. Rives Tuley 15th April '04. 83—A. A. Cameron,
: 1 August '04. Chas F Roche 15th November '04. H Ross 15th May '04. P
: rdon 15th May '04. 84—Chas Cameron Wm Wells '04. Albert F. Malloy
: October '04. P Hummer, 15th January '04. E J Cox, 15th March '04. 85—
: a Melay, 15th March, '04. 86—Murdock Melvor, 15th July, '04. J Mack

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ember, '04; F Wismer, 1st February, '05; C F Phillips, 10th April, '05. 341—William Matthewson, 5th March, '05. 343—A A S Aruagh, 22nd October, '04; Hy Corking, 2nd January, '05; A. B. Cordingly, 18th June, '05. 344—Peter Spring, 23rd July, '05. 345—J A James, 20th July, '04. 346—T Slean, 4th August, '04; J Crankell, 1st November, '04; G H Crawford, 7th February, '05; T Brown, 10th February, '05; M Saunders, 21st April, '05. 352—Thomas Wilcox 19 August, '04; Wm R Beatty, January, '05. 354—Hugh Wilson, 4th April, '05. 357—357—John Mitchell, 11th September, '04; Ed Pepper, 28th April, '05. 358—John Ackland, 19th July, '04; Hy Lockwood, '05. 359—James Stitt, July, '04. 360—Charles Ford, 5th June, '04; C C Billings, 7th June, '05; 361—Adam Weir, Jr., 20th November, '04. 367—H J Corin, 17th January, '05; F J Idenden, 29th June, '04; Wm S Fraleigh, 19th Aug. '04; 369—Edward Clayton, 13th September, '04. H J Southby, 1st February, '05; Thomas J Jackson, 19th December, '04; 382—Wm H Fallis, 26th September, '04; G W H Fletcher, 18th May, '05. 384—F W Smith, 2nd October, '04; O Duff, 6th January, '05. 386—J A Gillies, 28th June, '04; Chas D Lippshardt, 20th October, '04. 387—James Robson, 6th July, '04. 390—Hiram Wilson, 14th April, '04. 391—Geo Middleditch, 29th January, '05; John Dusk, 16th February, '05. 395—Eber Moon, 2nd February, '05. 396—A W Patterson, 9th April, '04; R R Rutherford. 397—T H Logan, 13th September, '04. 398—Andrew Crawford, 4th March, '05. 400—W A Orr, 5th February, '05. 403—Jonhathan Lowry, 1st December, '04; J C Guillot, 28th January, '05. 405—Chas M Ferguson, 4th December, '04. 408—John McMillan, September, '04; Robt Gilbertson, 17th June, '05. 409—Paul A Chapman, 28th August, '04. 410—Wm Armstrong, 22nd December, '04. 411—Chas A Brown, 23rd May, '05. 412—Geo Burden, 28th July, '05. 413—M F Gardiner, H Sales. 414—Rich Thompson, 6th July, '04. 419—W W Vanhorne, 26th October, '04; W H Millman, 2nd December, '04. 420—Silas Huntingdon, 4th August, '05. 421—J D Watson, 16th September, '04; Donald Mann, 12th April, '05; J R Hea, 15th February, '05. 422—S S MacKay, 8th July, '04. 424—Jno Leslie, 20th March, '04. 425—J J Logan, 1st January, '05; Rev. R M Carlyle, 17th October, '04. 432—Gustave Witte, September, '04. 435—James H Campbell, 16th November, '04; John A Martin, 15th October, '04. 436—D Cameron, 22nd March, '05. 437—David McKenzie, 20th October, '04. 438—W E Harris, 18th September, '04; Jas. H Leigh, 25th October, '04; J F Race, 24th November, '04; T T Case, 17th February, '05; A W Bunn, 5th February, '05. 439—D R McLeod, 25th April, '05; E A Hodgson. 440—Daniel McIntyre, 11th November, '04. 441—G F Reynolds, 8th December, '04. 442—Wm Herrington, 12th November, '04. 444—William B Trew, 1st October, '04. 445—F J Apjohn, 25th April, '05; N McMillan, 2nd August, '04. 454—John McKinnon, 26th June, '04. 463—Daniel McIntyre, 11th November, '04; J W Wiggins, May, '05. 468—G H Evans, 9th September, '04. 469—Andrew Miscampbell, 24th March, '05.

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R. W. Bro. D. B. Burgh, London	North Carolina	R. W. Bro. W. A. J. Robertson, Pocom City	F. M. L. Ehlers, New York	
R. W. Bro. J. G. Liddell, Brantford	North Dakota	R. W. Bro. Donald Mackay, Portland	John C. Drewry, Raleigh	
R. W. Bro. David Taylor, Ottawa	Ohio	M. W. Bro. Geo. H. Kenyon, Providence	F. J. Thompson, Fargo	
R. W. Bro. Henry A. Collins, Toronto	Oklahoma	R. W. Bro. John R. Reilinger, Bamberg	F. H. Brown, Cincinnati	
R. W. Bro. Thos. C. Macnabb, Chatham	Oregon	W. Bro. Louis G. Leroy, Webster	Jacques H. Hut, Guelph	
M. W. Bro. E. T. Malone, K.C., Toronto	Pennsylvania	R. W. Bro. A. S. Meyers, Memphis	Jacques F. Robinson, Eugene	
R. W. Bro. Jas. McLachlan, Owen Sound	Rhode Island	M. W. Bro. P. C. Tucker, Galveston	Wm. A. Smith, Philadelphia	
M. W. Bro. Hon. J. K. Kerr, K.C., Toronto	South Carolina	R. W. Bro. Alex. Topouze, Ogden	W. P. Whitman, Providence	
M. W. Bro. Hon. J. K. Kerr, K.C., Toronto	South Dakota		Charles Inglesby, Charleston	
	Tennessee		Geo. A. Pettigrew, Sioux Falls	
	Texas		John B. Barrett, Nashville	
	Utah		John Watson, Waco	
			Chris. D. Jobl, Salt Lake City	

GRAND REPRESENTATIVES AND GRAND SECRETARIES.—Continued.

GRAND REPRESENTATIVES.			GRAND SECRETARIES.	
At Grand Lodge of Canada.	Jurisdiction.	From Grand Lodge of Canada.	Name.	Address.
R. W. Bro. S. A. Luke Ottawa	Vermont	M. W. Bro. Geo. B. Wheeler	H. H. Ross	Burlington
R. W. Bro. T. H. Brunton Newmarket	Virginia	M. W. Bro. Yancey C. Blalock, Wall's Waller	G. W. Carrington	Richmond
R. W. Bro. W. C. Wilkinson Toronto	Washington	R. W. Bro. W. H. Freeman	Thos. M. Reed	Olympia
M. W. Bro. J. E. Harding, K.C. Lindsay	West Virginia	M. W. Bro. Hiram W. Sawyer	Geo. W. Atkinson	Wheeling
R. W. Bro. Henry Rush Peterboro	Wisconsin		W. W. Perry	Milwaukee
	Wyoming		W. L. Kuykendall	Saratoga
	OTHER COUNTRIES.			
R. W. Bro. F. F. Manley Toronto	Belgium	M. W. Bro. Housen de Lehaie	Charles Marchal	Brussels
M. W. Bro. A. A. Stevenson Montreal	Brasil	Bro. Richard Mitchell	Antonio Pinto Mendes, 61 Rue de Lauradia	Rio de Janeiro
V. W. Bro. A. L. Malone Toronto	Central America	Bro. L. Montafar	Edward Poirier, (asst) Casilla, 234	Valparaiso
	Chile	Bro. E. W. Hendrie	Juan Francisco Echeverria	Valparaiso
	Costa Rica		San Jose de Costa Rica, C.A.M.	Havana
R. W. Bro. Geo. Tait Toronto	The Island of Cuba	Bro. Jose G. Villa	Aurelio Miranda	Athens
R. W. Bro. W. G. Eakins, M.A., Toronto	Greece		S. Stevens	Budapest
R. W. Bro. G. G. Rowe, M.D., Toronto	Hungary		Dr. Alex. Fraenkel	Castellase-Rome
R. W. Bro. H. Radcliffe Goderich	Italy	Bro. Ettore Ferrale	J. Lambres Moens	Rotterdam
M. W. Bro. B. T. Walkem, K.C. Kingston	Mexico	Bro. Louis Goepl	Mannel J. Cacares	Lima
R. W. Bro. A. E. Cooper London	The Netherlands	Bro. T. A. O. DeRidder	Frederico Yumet	San Juan
	New Grenada	Bro. J. M. Samper Angiano	Jose Victorine Damasceno	Rio de Janeiro
	Peru	Bro. Edward Lavergue		
	Porto Rico	Bro. Jose C. D'Almeida		
	Portugal			
	St. Domingo	Bro. Charles Gerster	Dr. Ad Strauli, 14 Mousonstrasse	Zurich
	Switzerland			
	Uruguay	Bro. Bellesario Conrado	Jose De La Haza Monte Video	Caracas
	Venezuela	Bro. Antonio M. Mollejas	Jose B. Alvarez	



APPENDIX TO PROCEEDINGS OF 1905

Report on Correspondence

HENRY ROBERTSON, *Chairman.*

*To the Most Worshipful Grand Master and the Grand
Lodge of Canada:*

Your Committee on Correspondence beg to present the following report on the Proceedings of other Grand Bodies which have been placed in their hands since the last meeting of Grand Lodge.

At the last Grand Lodge we were both surprised and delighted by the approach of a brother with whom we had not been previously acquainted and who stated that he desired to express to us his very great pleasure in the perusal of our reports. He said that he always read them with great interest and looked forward to the next with feelings of delightful anticipation which were always realized, as they were always interesting and instructive. This was so unexpected that we were unable to make a suitable reply, but it was very gratifying all the same. We may take the flattering unction to our souls that there are others who peruse these reports and find pleasure in so doing, so that the valuable time and mental and manual labor consumed in their preparation is not altogether lost. We hope to make this report as interesting as the preceding.

Cato used to say to his friends that of three things he had good reason to repent, if ever he neglected the true performance of them—the first, if he divulged any secret; the second, if he adventured on the water when he might stay on dry land, and the third, if he should let any day neglectedly escape him without doing some good action. The first and third of these points recommend themselves particularly to the Craft. We should hear, see, and keep silent, and never allow a day to pass without affording succor to the distressed, or doing some kindly act for the

good of humanity. So may our principles and precepts be fully observed.

"Summe up at night what thou hast done by day ;
And in the morning what thou hast to do.
Dresse and undresse thy soul ; mark the decay
And growth of it ; if with thy watch, that too
Be down, then winde up both ; since we shall be
Most surely judg'd, make thy accounts agree."

The question of physical fitness for initiation is still being discussed in many places. The rule that is most generally accepted, and that has common sense to recommend it, is that if a candidate can literally comply with all the requisites of the ceremonies he is physically qualified, otherwise not. The physical perfectionists, who require absolute bodily perfection, are being led into all sorts of absurd positions.

Our non-affiliates, and what to do with them, is a matter of concern to some jurisdictions. If carelessness only is the cause, a little attention and tact on the part of the Master and Secretary can avoid the trouble, but if a member really wishes to leave the institution our opinion is that the Craft is better without his valuable assistance. We can see no possible use for harsh measures, such as suspension or expulsion. The non-affiliate has no rights that a Lodge is bound to respect, and the loss is his, and not that of Masonry.

Other matters upon which we have heretofore expressed our ideas are subjects of discussion in the Proceedings which we have reviewed, such as the abuse of the ballot, the right of objection to advancement, and the harm that may be done to the Craft by parasitic bodies.

ALABAMA.

84th Communication, Montgomery, Dec. 6, 1904.

Robert J. Redden, G. M.

The Grand Master reports 17 new lodges.

The application for recognition of the Grand Orient of Brazil was postponed and that of Queensland was declined.

The following resolution was adopted:

Whereas, the tenets of Free Masonry are elevating and ennobling, and are opposed to ignorance, superstition and vice ; and

Whereas, education tends to remove these blighting influences with degrade humanity, therefore

Be it resolved by this Grand Lodge of Ancient Free and Accepted Masons, That the members of the Craft in this Grand Jurisdiction be earnestly and urgently recommended to use their influence for the upbuilding of the common schools in order that a common school education may be placed within the reach of every child in the State.

Volunteers are to be called for to organize a crusade for the establishment of a Widows' and Orphans' Home.

Bro. William Y. Titcomb reviews the Proceedings of Canada for 1903. He does not believe in the excessive centralization of power in the Grand Lodge and thinks that the lodges should have a voice in the enactment of organic laws, as, very often, the representative to Grand Lodge only represents his personal opinions. The display of the national flag in the lodge room is looked upon by Bro. Titcomb in the light of an innovation. He is also correctly opposed to Masonic (so-called) fairs, at which gambling devices are used or spectacular displays of Masonic emblems made.

Lodges, 413; members, 15,393; increase, 1,053.

Henry H. Matthews (Montgomery), G. M.

George A. Beauchamp (Montgomery) G. S.

ARIZONA.

23rd Communication, Tucson, November 15, 1904.

James S. Cromb, G. M.

Nearly all the lodges are in a healthy condition.

The following report was adopted:

Your Committee on Jurisprudence, to whom was referred that portion of the Grand Master's address, recommending "that action be taken prohibiting the use of intoxicating liquors at lodge banquets," begs to report that it has given the matter careful consideration. It can find no indication that the Masons of Arizona are unable to control their appetites, and does not believe that the use of intoxicants by the brethren is of an alarming nature.

It is the duty of each Master to guard his Lodge, and if any member thereof conducts himself in such manner as to reflect unfavorably upon the Fraternity, the Master should admonish him of his errors, and, if unable to bring about a reformation, the offending brother should be disciplined by the lodge.

Masonry is not a prohibition society, nor is it its province to reform the world. Temperance is defined by us as a domestic and public virtue, whereby we are taught to avoid excess; but one may be intemperate in his views on the "liquor question" as well as in other ways.

Your committee commends the motives of the Most Worshipful Grand Master, but finds no reason at this time for any action by this Grand Lodge.

In his review of Canada for 1903 Bro. Charles D. Belden says:

Two hundred and seventy-four pages, the greater part of this book, is taken up with the reports of the District Deputies. These papers are of the greatest importance locally. They are better than inspection reports in that they show esprit du corps of each sub-division and suggest those things which a tabulated statement fails to exhibit. Each district has a proper tabular statement, but the pith of the document is the fraternal criticism which is freely indulged in and such comments will be apt to encourage each lodge in its ambitions.

Lodges, 19; members, 1,191; increase, 68.

George Shand (Tucson), G. M.

George J. Roskrige (Tucson), G. S.

ARKANSAS.

62nd Communication, Little Rock, November 15, 1904.

John T. Hicks, G. M.

The Grand Master differed radically from his predecessors in the matter of new lodges. He opened no fewer than fifteen, and says that every community which has the good fortune to contain a Masonic lodge is materially benefited in its moral condition by a personal contact with its members. On the state of the Craft he says:

The reports of the District Deputy Grand Masters show that in each of the ten districts of the State the brethren are living together in unity. The Deputies have received many invitations, and no single request has been refused. They report the work in the ritual as rapidly approaching absolute uniformity.

While I have not received nor expected a written report from the Grand Lecturer, I know personally he has maintained his former reputation for activity and faithfulness in the discharge of his duties.

In my extended correspondence with lodges all over the State I have had only two instances of factional dissension among the members of lodges. One of these grew out of a Masonic trial in which the friends of the accuser and of the accused "took sides," and the other is the result of an effort of a few to divide the lodge because the officers didn't do "it" like it was done over there where they came from. In this case I was requested to suspend the Master for alleged incompetency, whereas the District Deputy and the Grand Lecturer reported that the Master's work measured quite up to the standard.

FOREIGN CORRESPONDENCE.

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On the whole, I am proud to report that peace and harmony prevail throughout the land.

The wisdom of biennial sessions is demonstrated by the fact that they are out of debt and have a surplus for the first time since their Temple was erected. They are now preparing for a Masonic Home. The following resolution was adopted:

Whereas, the debt on the Temple being now fully provided for; be it

Resolved, that the edict of this Grand Lodge, requiring of the lodges fees for degrees to be applied to the payment of the debt on the Temple, be and the same is hereby repealed as of date October 1, 1904, and no such fees shall be collected by this Grand Lodge on degrees conferred after the said date, but all lodges shall be required to pay such fees for all degrees conferred before said October 1, 1904.

Lodges, 477; members, 16,455.

S. T. Rowe (Greenwood), G. M.

Fay Hempstead (Little Rock), G. S.

BRITISH COLUMBIA.

33rd Communication, Rossland, June 23, 1904.

C. Ensor Sharp, G. M.

New lodges were opened at Grand Forks, Phoenix and Windermere, all in the Boundary district.

The Deputy Grand Master thus reports one of his visits to a lodge in Vancouver:

I made a visit to Cascade Lodge No. 12 on the occasion of their entertaining some very distinguished brethren of the Grand Lodge of Canada, who took part in conferring the degree on the son of one of the visitors. Those who assisted on that evening were Most Worshipful Brothers Malone and Walkem, Past Grand Masters, Right Worshipful Brother Allen, Deputy Grand Master, and Worshipful Brother Roaf, all of the Grand Lodge of Canada.

The prominent feature of this volume is the able report on Correspondence by Bro. W. A. DeWolf Smith. We are glad to copy his remarks on the Ancient Landmarks:

We are aware that many so-called "Landmarks" have been formulated by various Masonic authorities, but apparently in every such case the origin of such so-called "Landmarks" is found to be in some enactment of a Masonic body, or is some regulation of a Grand Lodge, or has to do with a Grand Lodge. As Masonry antedates all Grand Lodges, the "Landmarks"—the original basic principles of the Fraternity—must antedate all such organizations, and principles and practices, however

respected or venerated, either enacted by Grand Lodges or having to do with such bodies cannot be "Landmarks."

For instance, there is no principle of more general acceptance in the Fraternity to-day than that a profane cannot be made a Mason except in a duly organized lodge holding authority from some recognized Masonic authority. Yet it is thoroughly well-known that something more than two hundred years ago Masons were made in lodges convened for the occasion, with no authority to do Masonic work except the fact that the brethren were Masons, and which dissolved as soon as the purpose which called them together was accomplished; and Masons so made were regularly made and admitted by election into duly warranted lodges. That a lodge can only act under a warrant is not, therefore, a "Landmark."

Other similar cases might be cited, but this is sufficient to show that because a principle of Masonic law is now generally accepted, it does not follow that it is one of the "Landmarks" of Free Masonry.

We thoroughly sympathize with the committee in their statement that "The task . . . of formulating the 'Landmarks' of Free Masonry is no light one," and if we accept the principle that the committee lays down that the landmarks only rise to the dignity of landmarks when their origin is lost in obscurity, and that a Masonic principle cannot be accepted as a landmark when its origin can be discovered, we fancy that one or two even of the landmarks enunciated above will have to be discarded. The assertion that Grand Masters existed before Grand Lodges has no basis in history, at least so far as English Freemasonry is concerned. In Scotland, William Schaw, who was Master of Work to James VI., appears to have occupied a position somewhat approaching that of Grand Master, but in England there is no authentic record of a Grand Master before the formation of the Grand Lodge in 1717.

Neither is the practice of electing two Wardens in a lodge one which dates from time immemorial. The Schaw statutes of 1598 provide "That one Warden be elected annually by every lodge," while the records of several early Scotch lodges, e.g., the Scoon and Perth, the Aberdeen, the Melrose, and the Dunblane, show that the lodge was ruled by a Master with the assistance of a warden. In the southern kingdom the practice does not seem to have been uniform, and lodges seem to have elected one, two, or even four Wardens.

The practice of electing two Wardens does not appear to have prevailed in Scotland until introduced from England some time after the revival of 1717.

So, too, as regards the number of degrees. It is probable that originally there was only one degree, consisting of a reading of the Charge, to which the candidate gave his assent, and the communication of certain secrets, the nature of which is uncertain. At the present we have neither time nor space to discuss the origin of the so-called "Past Master" degree, but early in the last century it was evidently thought of considerable importance. Shortly before the union of the Moderns and Ancients, in England, the former

formed a "Lodge of Promulgation," and in this lodge on the 9th of October, 1810, it was resolved:

"That it appears to this lodge that the ceremony of Installation of Masters of lodges is one of the two landmarks of the Craft, and ought to be observed."

From this it will be seen that not only was the degree recognized, but it was considered to be one of the two landmarks, the other, unfortunately, not being mentioned.

Also the following on ritual:

This ritual question, it appears to us, is one upon which certain Grand Lodges have gone to great extremes, as they have with the question of liquor selling. We do not see that Masonry will suffer if all the lodges in a given jurisdiction do not work exactly alike, nor even if a lodge in one jurisdiction should use work brought from another jurisdiction. If, however, it is considered advisable to have uniformity of work, let one be selected and kept in the safe and sacred repository of the faithful breast of one or more of the members, and in its transmission throughout the jurisdiction it will not suffer enough change to do it any harm.

Lodges, 36; members, 2,624; increase, 151.

W. J. Bowser (Vancouver), G. M.

Robert E. Brett (Victoria), G. S.

COLORADO.

44th Communication, Denver, September 20th, 1904.

James R. Killian, G. M.

The Grand Lodge Valle de Mexico was recognized.

The other transactions were entirely of local interest.

The Correspondence report is again by Bro. Lawrence N. Greenleaf, and reviews Canada for 1903.

Lodges, 107; members, 10,559; increase, 493.

Benjamin L. James (Denver), G. M.

Charles H. Jacobson (Denver), G. S.

CONNECTICUT.

117th Communication, New Haven, Jan. 18, 1905.

George E. Parsons, G. M.

After detailing his visitations Bro. Parsons says:

The work witnessed by me in the case of each lodge visited, as set forth above, was excellent, whatever the degree exemplified, and in each instance was performed with such dignity and impressiveness that it could not fail to produce a proper and lasting effect upon the candidate. The officers of each lodge visited have shown a sincere desire to interpret the work correctly, and to have it conform as closely as possible to what we call "standard work." I have found a uniform

willingness to accept advice and an earnest wish to be set aright if in error, even in the small details of the work, but the standard of the work in all of the lodges at the present time is such that little need exists for real criticism.

The following resolutions were adopted:

Resolved, That there be required to be paid to the Grand Lodge from each lodge in the jurisdiction the sum of one dollar for each member upon its roll of membership.

Resolved, That in estimating their membership all members may be deducted who have been in good standing thirty years.

Resolved, That twenty-five per cent. of the amount received be appropriated for defraying the expenses of the Grand Lodge, and seventy-five per cent. be appropriated for the purposes of the Masonic Charity Foundation Fund of Connecticut.

Resolved, That the subordinate lodges be required to make their returns to the Grand Lodge as follows:

One-half on or before July 1, 1905, and one-half on or before January 1, 1906, both payments to be based upon the returns made January 1, 1905.

Resolved, That the necessary expenses of the Grand Master be paid, and also the expenses of the Deputy Grand Master and Grand Secretary be paid when making official visits at the request of the Grand Master.

The adoption of a Standard Work and the fixation of the standard was referred to a special committee to report next year.

Their Masonic Home "stands as a living monument to that practical charity which is an inseparable part of the Masonic institution and to the unselfishness of those who have been diligent in season and out, in its promotion and maintenance." The Home has 65 inmates and the cost for the last year was about forty cents for each member per diem, including all expenses.

The Grand Secretary presented his usual interesting review of other jurisdictions, including Canada for 1904.

Lodges, 110; members, 19,346; increase, 299.

Asa P. Fitch (Hartford), G. M.

John H. Barlow (Hartford), G. S.

COSTA RICA.

At a special meeting held at San Jose on November 12, 1903, the following resolutions were adopted:

Whereas,

(1) The Sup. Coun. of the A. & A. S. R. (Guatemala) has declared the Grand Lodge of Costa Rica irregular, and pro-

hibited all Masonic relations between the brethren of the two jurisdictions ;

(2) The aforesaid Sup. Coun. has warranted in the Republic of Costa Rica the soi-disant Atenea lodge thereby committing an invasion of the jurisdiction of this Grand Lodge ;

(3) In spite of fraternal remonstrance the Sup. Coun. persists in its endeavors to promote discord among the Craft in this republic ;

Therefore, be it resolved :

(1) That the so-called Atenea Lodge and all its members, present and future, are hereby declared clandestine ;

(2) That every Mason who has aided and abetted in the formation of that clandestine lodge, whether a member or not, is hereby declared subject to expulsion from the Craft ; provided that : should any such delinquent present himself before his original lodge (or if unaffiliated, before any regular lodge in this jurisdiction) and recognize his error before the 26th of November next, he shall be exempt from punishment in this matter ;

(3) That the following notification be sent to the lodges of Central America :

In view of the invasion of the jurisdiction of the Grand Lodge of Costa Rica by the Supreme Council of Central America, the former body is under the necessity of refusing admission to its lodges of all Masons belonging to the jurisdiction of the said Supreme Council.

The Grand Lodge of Costa Rica will welcome, and will aid to the best of its ability in the foundation of a Grand Lodge in each of the Republics of Central America, thereby assisting in the promulgation of the pure principles of the Craft and the re-establishment of harmony among the Fraternity in Central America.

(4) That a copy of the foregoing series of resolutions be sent to all Grand Bodies throughout the world ;

(5) That before issuing the notification mentioned in resolution No. 3, the Grand Lodge shall await its meeting of January next, thereby affording the Sup. Coun. an opportunity to reconsider its action.

Subsequent negotiations were completely successful, and in February, 1904, the Grand Master was enabled to announce that he had the pleasure of putting the cornerstone to their arrangements with the Supreme Council of Central America by accrediting a representative to that body.

They have now 48 recognitions from other Grand Bodies.

No affiliation fees are chargeable in this jurisdiction.

Lodges, 7 ; members, 189 ; increase, 2.

John M. Keith (San Jose), G. M.

Edmund A. Osborne (San Jose), G. S.

CUBA.

Annual Communication, March 29, 1904.

Jose F. Pellon, G. M.

The address of the Grand Master opens as follows:

Once more, perhaps the last time, I comply with the pleasant duty imposed upon me by the Constitution, of delivering you my annual address. In doing so I again invoke the venerated and august name of the Great Architect of the Universe, under whose guidance the Ancient and Honorable Fraternity of Free and Accepted Masons must always assemble. May He be our protecting shield in the labors of the present communication, and may the Masons of Cuba continue thereunder in the work of the new Masonic year about to begin, after the expiring one has been replete with legitimate satisfaction for us, inasmuch as peace and harmony have reigned in our lodges; enthusiasm among our brethren has given repeated signs of a healthy growth; we have observed among them that spirit of social discipline which forms one of the necessary guarantees of every well organized human society; in numbers our Fraternity has increased and the treasury of the Grand Lodge has reached a degree of prosperity never attained even in former times of general affluence.

Four new lodges were formed and two re-organized.

Intercourse with the Grand Orient of France was interdicted.

Lodges, 60; members, 2,452; increase, 204.

Jose F. Pellon (Cienfuegos), G. M.

Aurelio Miranda (Havana), G. S.

DELAWARE.

98th Communication, Wilmington, October 5, 1904.

Charles H. Maull, G. M.

The Grand Master visited all the lodges except one and found the Craft in good condition.

For the purpose of instruction in the work the State is divided into three districts, and the Chairman of the Lodge of Instruction in each district is required to pass an examination before the Committee on Work. The Chairman of the first district in his report says:

I take this opportunity to say to the members of the Most Worshipful Grand Lodge, in my judgment, neither the present system of three instructors nor the requirement of these instructors to pass an examination before the Committee on Work, will ever secure absolute uniformity in Masonic work. To make the work uniform it will be necessary for this Grand Lodge to appoint one member and he alone to constitute a

committee on work and give him the absolute power to teach the work to the officers of our subordinate lodges in the way and manner in which he himself has acquired it. For five men to say what shall be the uniform work, and among these five men there be some who have not given the work study for several years and consequently have forgotten several parts or certain words, necessarily resolves it in to a course of confusion and embarrassment to the Chairman of the Lodge of Instruction.

This suggestion was regarded with favor, but as not feasible from a financial point of view. It seems to us that the expense would be trifling in comparison with the benefit attained.

The returns show 90 rejections during the year.

Lodges, 22; members, 2,602; increase, 98.

R. Henry Young (Wilmington), G. M.

Benjamin F. Bartram (Wilmington), G. S.

DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA.

94th Communication, Washington, Dec. 21, 1904.

James A. Wetmore, G. M.

Among the many interesting matters which are considered by the Grand Master in his annual address we find in his replies to the Grand Orient of Belgium and the Grand Lodge of Switzerland the following information:

Dear Sir and Worshipful Brother: I am in receipt of your circular letter of May 15, 1904, conveying an invitation from the Grand Orient of Belgium to this Grand Lodge to appoint delegates to represent it at the International Masonic Congress to be held at Brussels, commencing August 27, 1904.

In reply I beg leave to say that this Grand Lodge, while expressing the most fraternal good will for the representatives of all regular Grand Lodges who may be present, and avowing entire sympathy with the purposes sought to be promoted by the congress, is constrained to decline participation therein. One very cogent reason for this determination is to be found in the fact that such a cosmopolitan assembly attracts the irregular and clandestine bodies of this country, which seek to obtain the semblance of regularity through association with legitimate bodies, and their representatives, owing to a lack of knowledge on the part of our European brethren of Masonic conditions in the United States, are apt to be given full faith and credit. This is the case with the so-called "Grand Lodge of Free and Accepted Masons for the District of Columbia," which is a clandestine body composed entirely of persons of African descent. The representative of this body was admitted to the Geneva congress in 1892, and it cites this fact in support of an application for fraternal recognition that it has recently made to Grand Lodges in Europe and Australia.

I mail you to-day, under separate cover, a copy of the proceedings of this Grand Lodge of 1903, and invite your attention to page 195, which gives the name of every regular Grand Lodge in the United States, together with the name and address of its Grand Secretary. Assuming that the congress at Brussels desires to avoid the errors of the congress at Geneva, and admit only such delegates as are accredited by legitimate bodies, I beg leave to suggest that in the examination of the credentials of delegates from Grand Lodges in the United States the names of the Grand Secretaries attesting the same be verified by comparison with this list.

There are thirty-one clandestine Grand Lodges in the United States, composed of persons of African descent, which derive their origin from a lodge formed in Boston, Mass., in 1784, under a charter granted by the Grand Lodge of England. The organization of the lodge was irregular, for the reason that it was an invasion of the rights of the Grand Lodge of Massachusetts, and the name of the lodge was stricken from the register of the Grand Lodge of England a few years later. This lodge and its descendant lodges and Grand Lodges have never been recognized by any regular Grand Lodge in the United States, or by any regular Grand Lodge in the world that is cognizant of Masonic conditions in this country.

The usual "Grand Visitations" were made by the Grand Master to all the lodges. On each of these occasions an excellent program was provided for the entertainment of the visitors and members. A rigid inspection was also made.

It is so rarely that anything is developed at these grand visitations calling for unfavorable comment or criticism that the impression seemed to prevail in certain quarters that the examination of the records of the lodges was made perfunctorily, and that the grand visitations were mere formal affairs, where the Grand Lodge takes everything for granted as being all right. Quite the contrary is true, and the examinations made by the R. W. Grand Secretary have involved the following of every candidate through the record to see that the necessary time had elapsed between degrees, and the proper return made to the Grand Lodge, as well as to see that the transactions of the lodges had all been regular, as disclosed by their records, and that a proper minute of their meetings had been made; while the examination by the Grand Treasurer of the books, accounts and vouchers of the Treasurers of the lodges has been as careful and comprehensive as would have been given by any auditing committee. The necessity, therefore, of having the books of the lodges in the hands of the Grand Secretary and Grand Treasurer at least ten days before the date fixed for a grand visitation, as required by our Constitution, will be apparent.

Without a single exception the condition of the constituent lodges, as shown by their records, is excellent: their affairs are being administered with a due regard for law and authority; the degrees are conferred in a careful manner, and

harmony—that prime essential in an institution such as ours—prevails.

The Grand Lodge Valle de Mexico was recognized. The application of Queensland was postponed.

Bro. G. W. Baird reports on Correspondence and reviews Canada for 1904.

Lodges, 26; members, 7,365; increase, 301.

Lurtin R. Ginn (Washington), G. M.

Arvine W. Johnston (Washington), G. S.

ENGLAND.

At the Annual Grand Festival, April 27, 1904, the Grand Master was duly proclaimed. The Earl Amherst was appointed Pro Grand Master and Bro. Thomas F. Halsey, Deputy Grand Master. The appointed officers were then invested, and 32 brethren received Past Grand rank of various grades. In the evening the officers and members of Grand Lodge, with a great number of brethren, partook of an excellent entertainment, provided by the Grand Stewards at Freemasons' Tavern, and the thanks of the Grand Lodge were given to the Board of Grand Stewards for their liberality.

Quarterly Communication, June 1, 1904.

A number of amendments were made to the rules of the Board of Benevolence, one of which makes it clear that widows and orphans of English Masons only are eligible for assistance.

The Grand Registrar explained that the term "communication" is applicable only to the Quarterly Communications of Grand Lodge and not to the meetings of Provincial or District Grand Lodges.

Two brethren were suspended for the unauthorized publication of Masonic matters in the newspapers.

Quarterly Communication, March 1, 1905.

The sum of 250 guineas was voted for a wedding present to the King's eldest daughter, on her marriage to Prince Oscar of Sweden.

The sum of £30,000 is to be expended on the reconstruction and decoration of Freemasons' Tavern.

The Duke of Connaught, G. M.

Sir Edward Letchworth, G. S.

FLORIDA.

76th Communication, Jacksonville, January 17, 1905.

Thomas M. Puleston, G. M.

Their 75th anniversary was celebrated by special exercises. The historical address was delivered by Bro. Samuel Pasco, P. G. M. The first lodge appears to have been opened in 1768:

By the terms of the treaty of Paris, which was concluded February 10, 1763, Spain, in return for Havana and the Island of Cuba, which then belonged to Great Britain, ceded to the latter "Florida with Fort St. Augustine and the Bay of Pensacola." It remained under British control for twenty years when, on September 3, 1783, these two powers entered into another treaty by the terms of which Great Britain received the Bahama Islands from Spain and re-ceded to that nation Florida, then comprising two provinces, designated as East Florida and West Florida.

In 1768, during the period of this British occupation, James Grant was Governor and Commander in Chief of East Florida and his official residence was at St. Augustine. He was also a Craftsman and united with other Masonic brethren in the province in a petition to the Grand Lodge of Scotland for a charter to establish a lodge at St. Augustine to be called Grant's East Florida Lodge, and asking also that Governor Grant be appointed Provisional Grand Master over the lodges in the southern district of North America.

The prayers of the petitioners were granted March 15, 1768, and a commission was accordingly issued to Brother Grant; at the same time a lodge was chartered at St. Augustine, which, being under the immediate supervision of the Provisional Grand Master, was endowed with the authority and privileges of a Grand Lodge.

The application for recognition of the Grand Orient of Brazil was denied and that of Queensland was deferred.

The following resolution was passed:

Resolved, That on every application for the mysteries of Freemasonry the following words be printed in plain type, "the regulations of the Grand Lodge F. & A. M. of the State of Florida render any man engaged in selling intoxicating liquors ineligible for initiation into the mysteries of Free Masonry and forbid any Mason in this jurisdiction to engage in such business."

The report on Correspondence is again by Bro. Silas B. Wright, and is excellent as usual. Canada for 1904 is kindly mentioned.

Lodges, 153; members, 6,019; increase, 590.

Charles W. Johnson (Jacksonville), G. M.

Wilber P. Webster (Jacksonville), G. S.

GEORGIA.

118th Communication, Macon, October 25, 1904.

Max Meyerhardt, G. M.

The Grand Master again reports wonderful progress, "a substantial increase in numbers, peace and harmony prevailing, the moral standard raised high, a full treasury, many new lodges instituted, and above all, the Home fully completed."

Their Masonic Home was dedicated with imposing ceremonies. Its cost was about \$25,000.

Recognition was extended to the new Grand Lodges of Western Australia and Queensland.

The large number of expulsions (sixty) seemed very singular in so prosperous a jurisdiction, until we found the explanation, which is that they expel for non-payment of dues. In his notice of New Hampshire Bro. A. Q. Moody has the following:

Under Georgia law, if a brother is unable to pay his dues, all he has to do is to say so. His word is sufficient, and his dues, both to the subordinate lodge and the Grand Lodge, are remitted. If he fails or refuses to pay, having the ability so to do, he is regularly tried, and, if found guilty, he is suspended for twelve months. If at the end of that time he still refuses to pay he is recommended to the Grand Lodge for expulsion. If at any time afterwards he pays up all his back dues the Grand Lodge will restore him to all Masonic rights and privileges.

Canada for 1903 receives fraternal mention.

Lodges, 471; members, 24,120; increase, 1,279.

Max Meyerhardt (Rome), G. M.

W. A. Wolihin (Macon), G. S.

IDAHO.

37th Communication, Boise, September 13, 1904.

Joshua M. Cowen, G. M.

The Grand Master visited all the lodges except two and opened three new lodges. He also says:

And in all our established lodges I have been pleased to note the evidences of a substantial growth, and know that the principles of our beautiful order are still reaching out toward the great mass of struggling humanity and drawing still others inside its peaceful haven of Brotherly Love, Relief and Truth, united by the sacred bond of brotherhood.

The new Grand Lodges of Costa Rica and Vera Cruz, Mexico were recognized.

In his review of Canada for 1903 Bro. George E. Knep-
per has the following criticism on the reports of our Dis-
trict Deputies, which we can hardly say is undeserved:

The volume of proceedings contains about 500 pages. Al-
most exactly half of the space is taken up with the reports of
the District Deputy Grand Masters. This is a heavy part of
the volume and could be much improved. In gleaning these
reports we find much twaddle that could profitably be omit-
ted. A whole page of "thanks" is putting it on pretty thick.

Lodges, 37; members, 1,954; increase, 256.

Albert W. Gordon (Kendrick), G. M.

T. W. Randall (Boise), G. S.

ILLINOIS.

65th Communication, Chicago, October 4, 1904.

William B. Wright, G. M.

From the very able address of the Grand Master we
should judge that he had a busy year and that the adminis-
tration of the affairs of the Craft had been more than suc-
cessful. His marvellous tact enabled him to secure an
amicable settlement in almost every case of complaint.

The following report of the Committee on Jurispru-
dence was adopted:

Your Committee on Jurisprudence to whom was referred
the following decisions, to-wit:

"I have been asked if it were proper for Masons, indi-
vidually, or as a lodge, to participate or aid in the conduct of
a 'Fair' where books of chance and drawings were features,
and I have decided that to do so was a clear violation of Sec-
tion 6, Article 32, Part 2, Grand Lodge By-laws.

"While I do not think any argument necessary in support
of the above decision, I take this occasion to emphasize
the position of this M. W. Grand Lodge upon the subject of
gambling in all its various forms.

"Lotteries and games of chance are prohibited by Acts of
Congress and by acts of the legislatures in nearly every
State. The acts are held to be constitutional and are en-
forced by the courts when they are invoked in cases pend-
ing before them. And the Mason who aids or gives counte-
nance to lottery or gift enterprises in any form or under any
pretext, not only violates the plain provisions of the above
section but transgresses the law of the land which he is
taught in his lodge to respect and obey."

Respectfully reports, that it gives them great pleasure to
unanimously recommend its approval by this M. W. Grand
Lodge. Our law has prohibited aid, in any form, to any "lot-
tery, or gift enterprise" for more than thirty years, and M.
W. Grand Masters in former years have used their authority

to prevent such unmasonic conduct. Your committee congratulates this M. W. Grand Lodge in having a M. W. Grand Master to faithfully construe and execute our laws.

Every lodge in this large jurisdiction reported promptly and all Grand Lodge dues were paid. The Grand Secretary is evidently an efficient officer, and they must have an unusually large number of careful lodge secretaries.

As a labor of love and at his own expense, Bro. John C. Smith, the best of their bright galaxy of Past Grand Masters, has unearthed and published the history of the First Grand Lodge of Illinois. This body became defunct 13 years before the formation of the present Grand Lodge. In this matter the gallant General has achieved success where others made costly failures. The Grand Lodge subscribed for 500 copies of this remarkable work.

The Illinois Masonic Orphans' Home continues to do excellent work. There are 82 inmates, and the cost per year is about \$15,000, all of which is defrayed by the Grand Lodge. Part of the report of the Superintendent is pleasant reading:

A large number went out to enjoy their vacation with relatives and friends; all came home in good health; those that remained at home all summer vacation have had a happy time also, going to the parks. Dearborn Lodge No. 310 invited and entertained the children at their picnic at Mokence, Ill. York Chapter No. 148 invited and entertained the children at their picnic at Northwestern Park, Desplaines River. Queen Esther Chapter No. 41, O. E. S., invited the children to their children's party, and each one came home with a box of sweets. The children have also enjoyed going on the steamer Eastland to South Haven, Michigan, when they were entertained with a dinner and had the privilege of helping themselves in the orchard, by Mr. and Mrs. Herbert N. Snell, and also a picnic at Highland Park. Mr. and Mrs. J. C. Smith remembered the children and invited them to their reception to the Masonic Veterans, our children taking part in the singing.

The Grand Lodge by-laws were amended so as to provide that no lodge should be named after a living person.

The Grand Lodge of Western Australia was recognized, and as to the formation of Grand Lodges in open territory, the following resolution (called forth by the situation in Queensland) was adopted:

Resolved, That this Grand Lodge is constrained by events to declare: That when the number of lodges existing in territory not already occupied by an independent and sovereign Grand Lodge becomes sufficient to warrant the formation of

a Sovereign Grand Lodge, such lodges and the brethren thereof are and of right ought to be free to discuss, canvass and determine all questions incident to a proposed organization without duress from any other Masonic power; and that the Grand Lodge of Illinois will not respect any attempted deprivation of the masonic rights, either of lodges or of individual Masons, sought to be imposed for no other offence than participation in the formation of a Grand Lodge in conformity with the Masonic law into which the numerous precedents furnished by the history of the Fraternity have now crystallized.

In the limited space at our disposal for each jurisdiction it is quite impossible to do justice to the exhaustive and valuable report on Correspondence by Bro. Joseph Robbins. In his introduction he says:

We had designed referring at some length to the condition of affairs in Australasia, where we are now confronted with the spectacle of district Grand Lodges—in one instance with the countenance and support of its sovereign and independent parent body—seeking to deprive the lodges and brethren of their obedience by duress proceeding even to the seizing of charters and lodge property and to suspension of individual Masons, of the indefeasible right attaching to their existence in open autonomous territory in numbers sufficient to form an independent Grand Lodge, to determine for themselves, as a majority thereof may decide, the question of forming such a Grand Lodge. We can, however, only take time to say that it is as morally certain as anything can be that has not been put to the test, that the Grand Lodges in this quarter of the world will not respect any attempted deprivation of Masonic rights, either of lodges or individuals, for no other offence than participating in a movement to consider the erection of, or to establish a Grand Lodge under such circumstances, if it is done conformably to the Masonic law into which the abundant precedents furnished by the history of Masonry, and far more numerous than any other, have now crystallized.

* Bro. Robbins thinks that the reports of our District Deputies command more individual readers than any other portion of the Proceedings, being so detailed and comprehensive. We also quote the following:

The following amendment to a constitutional provision making, as we infer, a summons to show cause and an opportunity thereunder to show cause why the same should not be done, a condition precedent to the revocation of the charter of a lodge, we regard as violative of sound Masonic principle and defining a power in the Grand Lodge which ought not to exist anywhere. We are at loss to see from any standpoint why such a power is sought to be invoked. The recognized power of the Grand Master to suspend the functions of any lodge

until the meeting of the Grand Lodge seems ample to meet any emergency :

Provided, that where indubitable testimony is submitted that the lodge is guilty of maintaining practices contrary to and subversive of the ancient usages and regulations, Grand Lodge may, without such summons, proceed to erase the offending lodge.

Lodges, 732; members, 70,921; increase, 4,254.

William B. Wright (Effingham), G. M.

J. H. C. Dill (Bloomington), G. S.

INDIANA.

84th Communication, Indianapolis, May 23, 1904.

George E. Grimes, G. M.

The past year has been a busy one in all lines of the work; prosperity, peace and harmony prevail. Seven new lodges were opened.

A proposition to establish a Grand Charity Fund was negatived. The Committee on Ways and Means reported as follows:

We deem it unwise and inexpedient for this Grand Lodge to assume the great responsibility of dispensing Masonic charity, a duty which is incumbent upon every lodge of Masons and every individual Mason. The lodge in whose jurisdiction an applicant for charity resides is the best qualified to judge of the needs and wants of the applicant. The lodge or brother should if possible anticipate the wants and necessities of the less fortunate and not compel him or them to suffer the extreme humiliation of applying for Masonic charity. Let each lodge and each individual brother practice the beautiful tenets of Masonry and not compel the needy to wait until this Grand Lodge could convene a committee to furnish relief for those in immediate want.

The greatest of Masonic attributes is charity, not systematic charity, but that charity which springs from the sympathetic and responsive heart, the heart that can feel for another.

Your committee are, therefore, of the opinion that the true meaning and intent of Masonic charity can be the better exemplified by each of the lodges in their respective communities than by any committee appointed by this Grand Lodge so widely separated from those who may be in need of immediate assistance.

We, therefore, recommend that the resolution be not adopted.

A special committee was appointed to report on a Masonic Home and its cost of maintenance per annum.

Bro. Daniel McDonald reports on Correspondence and reviews Canada for 1904.

GRAND LODGE OF CANADA.

Lodges, 531; members, 42,627; increase, 2,428.

Alfred W. Emery (Evansville), G. M.

Calvin W. Prather (Indianapolis), G. S.

INDIAN TERRITORY.

31st Communication, Claremore, August 9, 1904.

Philip D. Brewer, G. M.

"Masonry is losing none of its old-time popularity in the esteem of the wise, conservative men of the various sections of the country." This is the belief of the Grand Master, notwithstanding the prevalence of other orders and fraternities. Fifteen new lodges attest the spread of Masonic principles. Nearly all the lodges are in excellent condition and doing splendid work. The following warning should be noted:

Some time since my attention was called to a couple of negro, so called, Masonic lodges, one at Bristow, I. T., and one at Newby, I. T., to which it was claimed that some white men belonged, and had been imposing themselves upon the community as Masons. I investigated this most astounding proposition and found to my horror and chagrin, that at Bristow, at least, one white man was a member of the so-called negro Masonic lodge, and that at Newby at least three white men belonged and affiliated with them. I notified Tuscan Lodge, No. 134, located at Bristow, that any such men were clandestine, and warned it to have nothing to do with them, and I now warn the Craft at large to be careful of strangers hailing from either locality, and advise that special inquiry as to the name and number of the lodges they claim to belong to.

Bro. Henry M. Furman is highly commended for his self-sacrificing efforts in behalf of the Orphans' Home Fund. This fund now amounts to over \$25,000, of which the Grand Lodge has contributed one-third.

As we perused the following, it seemed somewhat familiar, or as if we had, in a dream, seen something similar. At all events, Bro. Murrow deserves credit for his plain talk, and it will do the brethren no harm to do a little serious thinking about an important matter that is sometimes not conducted properly:

The installation ceremonies were a farce. The business of the body was over. The election was over. It was late. Many brethren were anxious to catch a train soon due. The Grand Secretary was requested to perform the installation service in "short order." No book was furnished. Brethren were constantly leaving the hall. There was confusion, noise, haste and entire lack of interest.

The Grand Secretary did the best he could under the circumstances. He will never do the like again. The installation of the new officers of a Grand Lodge should be made impressive. This requires sufficient time. It should have the earnest attention and interest of all the brethren.

Lodges, 152; members, 5,669; increase, 402:

Wilson O. Bruton (Muldrow), G. M.

Joseph S. Murrow (Atoka), G. S.

IOWA.

61st Communication, Sioux City, June 7, 1904.

Charles C. Clark, G. M.

The Grand Master ruled that any wilful misrepresentation of any of the prerequisites for admission is a Masonic offence, for which the perpetrator may at any time after reception be tried and punished.

On the interchange of lodge visits Bro. Clark says:

Would there might be a vastly greater amount of visitation among lodges. Wherever tried it has proven of the greatest benefit. In our own little circle we are too apt to become narrow and bigoted. Self-satisfaction is fatal to progress. We only grow as our vision widens. Invite in your neighboring lodges. Get up a friendly rivalry in the conferring of degrees. Have social sessions, with a talk on some one of the infinite subjects of interest to the Craft, and you will not only be repaid a thousand fold for all the effort and cost, but you will wonder why you have never before tried the experiment.

Their wonderful Masonic Library is justly a source of great pride. It is practically an inexhaustible storehouse of the Masonic history and literature of the ages, and its great resources challenge the admiration of the Masonic world.

The following resolution was adopted:

Resolved, That the custodians inquire into and report at the next session of this Grand Lodge upon the proper method of examination of a brother who desires to visit a lodge in this jurisdiction, both as practiced in this and other jurisdictions.

Bro. John W. Barry, the committee appointed last year to report the correct height of the two pillars, made an elaborate report, illustrated with stereopticon views of various ancient temples. The conclusion of the report, *which was adopted, is as follows:*

Masonic writers uniformly attach great importance to Jachin and Boaz. Even to the uninitiated they are the most prominent objects in the lodge room. That more and better lessons may be taught by truth than by error is a self-evident proposition, whether of a symbolic nature or otherwise. It therefore, follows that when errors are found they should be corrected that truth may prevail. The recent action of the Presbyterians in changing their creed, and the revision of the Holy Bible itself, within the memory of us all, do but illustrate the general principle. Your committee, therefore, recommends that the second degree work be so changed that the height of Jachin and Boaz will be given as eighteen cubits, in accordance with the work now in many jurisdictions, in accordance with all Masonic writers and other investigators, and in particular, and above all, in accordance with the Holy Bible.

The incoming Grand Master was empowered to appoint a Grand Historian.

A fine portrait and biographical sketch of our late beloved Grand Secretary, Bro. J. J. Mason, appears in this volume.

Bro. Joseph E. Morcombe furnishes another of his high-class reports on Correspondence, in which Canada for 1904 finds a place. We wish we could write like this:

In an armed camp, during the night watches, there passes at intervals from outlying post to post the reassuring cry of the sentinels, betokening watchfulness and security. So from year to year there goes from one to another of these writers on correspondence the "All's Well" of Masonry. These are the watchers upon whom you rely for warning of danger from within or without. And happy indeed the Craft, when one after another of these sentinels answers: "There is peace and harmony and prosperity within our bounds." Here and there, perhaps, a little argument in the camp—some slight brotherly difference in counsel or in methods, but naught which may disturb harmonious relations or render the work less effective.

Yet as long-continued times of peace or periods of unbroken prosperity may weaken a great people, softening their manhood with luxurious living and sapping their virility with effeminate ease, so it is possible that material prosperity may bring like dangers to the fraternity. Already there are warnings given lest prosperity should tend to cheapen ancient privilege, or that the desire for increased numbers should lead to weakening innovations. Better a compact body, tried and disciplined than a great rabble of foolishly enthusiastic and undrilled recruits. Better the entrance of one into your lodge who comes with an understanding heart and a receptive mind, than the admission of many, prompted only by curiosity or a desire to stand well in the community by membership in our ancient brotherhood. To these your holiest emblems are but as idle toys, your instructions but empty

words. And if a time of stress and trial shall ever come, then these seekers after novelty and these fair-weather brethren will at once grow lukewarm and faint-hearted and recreant to their vows and bring discredit by desertion.

Like the great temples which the peoples of antiquity builded, Masonry has a place for each class of its votaries, according to need, knowledge, and receptivity for instruction. In its outer court he who is content with formula and words of rote may be satisfied. The external show and sight of unexplained symbols may fill him with awe and even with some glimmering of aspiration. He is bettered, unconsciously to himself, by his surroundings. But only the enlightened ones, prepared for the higher initiation of understanding, will the genius of Masonry lead into the adytum of her temple and reveal the esotory of her pregnant symbolism.

Lodges, 504; members, 34,595; increase, 1,362.

Sumner Miller (Guttenburg), G. M.

Newton R. Parvin (Cedar Rapids), G. S.

KANSAS.

49th Communication, Wichita, February 15, 1905.

Thomas G. Fitch, G. M.

Two Past Grand Masters received the final summons, Bros. Joseph D. McCleverty and Jacob D. Rush. Bro. McCleverty was born in Ontario.

On account of the establishment of the District Deputy system and provision made thereby for visitation to every lodge, the Grand Master deemed it unnecessary to visit extensively. The new system was on its trial during the year. The result was to demonstrate its efficiency, and it is to be continued.

The following recommendations were adopted:

That the work of gathering historical documents and relics and indexing the library be continued; that the special committee be continued, vested with the powers and privileges granted by the legislation at the annual communication of 1904, which created said committee; that an appropriation of \$1,000 be requested, to be applied by said special committee with the approval of the Grand Master and the Council of Administration, as contemplated in the legislation creating said committee at the last annual communication. That a special communication of the Grand Lodge be held at such time as might be determined by the said committee in conference with the Council of Administration; that at said special communication of the Grand Lodge suitable ceremonies should be conducted in celebration of the fiftieth anniversary of the establishment of the M. W. Grand Lodge of Kansas; that the Council of Administration be requested to provide funds to defray the necessary incidental expenses

of such special communication, which expenses should not include any mileage to representatives or compensation to committees.

Bro. William M. Shaver again reports on Correspondence. Canada for 1904 has a kindly notice.

Lodges, 373; members, 25,986; increase, 1,244.

Samuel R. Peters (Newton), G. M.

Albert K. Wilson (Topeka), G. S.

KENTUCKY.

104th Communication, Louisville, Oct. 18, 1904.

Owen D. Thomas, G. M.

In granting dispensations for new lodges the Grand Master made them agree that they would not be any expense to Grand Lodge, that is, that their representatives would not draw out more, as mileage and per diem, than was paid in by said lodges as dues.

A resolution was adopted declaring that the Entered Apprentice Ob. forbids the printing, writing or making of ciphers of any part of the three degrees of Ancient Craft Masonry.

The following resolution was carried:

Whereas, Those who have been raised and educated by the Home and have gone out into the world in various avocations, quite a number of them have organized a club, or association, known as the Guld; be it

Resolved, That this Guld Club be given a place on the first day of the Grand Lodge, along with the children, to show the finished product of our "jewels" annually that we may view them.

The Grand Lodges of Western Australia, Costa Rica and Queensland were recognized.

Bro. William W. Clarke reports on Correspondence and reviews our Proceedings for 1903. In his notice of Arizona he says:

We will modestly suggest a sovereign remedy for the evil of non-payment of dues, and its twin evil, non-affiliation: Make your lodges worth having membership in. Masonry is nothing but a society, without excuse for existence, if its lessons make not men nobler and happier. Its ceremonies are but means to an end—admirable vehicles for the transmission of glorious truths. Make them so, and as sure as there is in man aspirations for the high and noble, he will seek and retain that affiliation which will meet and satisfy this condition of his nature.

Lodges, 486; members, 25,416; increase, 1,869.

Roland H. C. Rhea (Morganfield), G. M.

H. B. Grant (Louisville), G. S.

LOUISIANA.

93rd Communication, New Orleans, February 6, 1905.

Louis P. Delahoussaye, G. M.

The progress of the Craft has been of a most satisfactory and encouraging character. The Grand Master visited a number of the lodges. Of these in the city of New Orleans, he says:

During the year I visited, officially, every lodge in this city, and in every instance the courtesy and attention of the brethren were all that could be desired. Through these visits I was enabled to come in close touch with the actual labors of the lodges, to learn of the internal management of affairs; of the present conditions surrounding each lodge and of the hopes for future progress and consequent development. In those known as "Our Latin Lodges," working in the French, Spanish, German and Italian languages, and designated as "Scottish Rite Lodges," I was most cordially and fraternally received and treated. I found in every instance a warm devotion to the great purposes of Masonry, a faithful performance of duty and an unswerving loyalty to this Grand Lodge. Meeting and mingling so intimately with the brethren in their lodges and at their social reunions has given me a broader view of my individual duty, a clearer conception of the grandeur of the mission of Freemasonry and a firmer determination to "act well my part" as a Mason.

The debt on their Temple is entirely extinguished, and the revenues can now be devoted to Craft purposes.

Seven new lodges were opened and the past year was one of the most successful in their history.

The following resolutions were adopted:

Resolved, That the Grand Secretary be required to furnish each constituent lodge in this Grand Jurisdiction with a register of all the regular lodges, under such regulations as may be provided, that imposters may be more readily detected;

Resolved, That every Master Mason, at the first stated meeting of the lodge in which he is raised, after thirty days after being raised, shall be examined in open lodge as to his proficiency in the Master's degree, as in the preceding degrees, and this examination shall be repeated from meeting to meeting until he shall have been found proficient in the lecture. And he shall be bound to attend for such examination.

Bro. Herman C. Duncan presented an excellent report on *Correspondence*, in which Canada has due mention.

Lodges, 159; members, 8,960; increase, 841.
L. P. Delahoussaye (New Orleans), G. M.
Richard Lambert (New Orleans), G. S.

MAINE.

85th Communication, Portland, May 3, 1904.
William J. Burnham, G. M.

On the work of the District Deputies and the condition of the lodges the Grand Master says:

The reports of the District Deputies show a faithful discharge of their duties, that a high standard of work is being maintained, and that the lodges are having a large measure of prosperity; the influence of our Masonic conventions or schools of instruction is being felt, and the visitation of the District Deputies, with the suggestions and criticisms which they are privileged to make, conduces to the bettering of the work and stimulates the lodges as to who best can work, and we hope, best agree. It is evidence of the wisdom of our methods of instruction.

The subscriptions to the Drummond Memorial exceeded the amount required and the surplus was devoted to acquiring for the Grand Lodge the valuable Masonic library of the late Bro. Drummond, which is now in the Grand Lodge rooms.

The reply from the Grand Orient of Belgium regarding their connection with the Grand Orient of France was received from their representative, Bro. Albert J. Kruger, and was referred to the Committee on Correspondence. The principal parts of Bro. Kruger's letter are as follows:

I beg to state the outlines of the final report made at a recent meeting of the Grand Committee, to be about as follows:

A large majority of the French Masons, one may say all those known as intelligent and enlightened men, are engaged in a fight for rational liberty and a good many of them act as leaders among those determined to overthrow ecclesiastical persecution. All what has been achieved in that direction in France until now is due solely to the courage and to the immense efforts and perseverance of the Masons. The greater part of them are members of the different Chapters under the jurisdiction of the Supreme Council of France. The constitution of the Supreme Councils demand, as no doubt you know, a declaration in writing of the applicant's belief in the G. A. of the U. However, many of those brethren term themselves, or suffer themselves to be termed, free thinkers, a term adopted to designate those who are members of that powerful league created to throw down the consolidated force of clericalism and battle against the tyranny of the priesthood, not against religion—it would be wrong, however, to designate all Freethinkers as being Atheists.

Some of the most intelligent and highplaced men in France, mostly members of the brotherhood, are so called Freethinkers, which means that they do not accept nor adhere to the dogmas of the church or submit to confession—but they recognise and uphold liberty of thought and conscience and tolerance in religion. They consider all philosophic or religious opinions as entitled to respect, if they are the result of a free conviction. Occasionally they proclaim a dogma to be a truth packed ready for transportation, and "authority" the ship in which the dogma sails—they maintain that no soul can live on dogmas that cannot be opened into truth and that only the truth, which the soul appropriates, gives life.

Apart from the objection or inability of the enlightened freethinkers to entertain (as do a large number of other men and Masons in all parts of the world) the conception of a personal God—a conception to which may be largely attributed, as they say, the power of the church respectively, the priesthood—they maintain that, once the firm conviction rooted in men, that more satisfaction, more happiness can be obtained through their own power, energy and initiative, by observing moral laws and following Christ's precept, "Love each other," than by expecting to derive benefits and happiness from the dispositions of Providence. They would cease to desire the guardianship of the priesthood, likewise would the authority and power of the latter cease to be exercised as is now the case, the priests would remain within a proper useful sphere as teachers of love among men and as guardians and examples of pure morality, with no voice in public affairs, and in such a capacity they would render humanity greater services than all the millions annually spent, especially in Catholic countries, to prepare human beings for death.

Our French brethren say (and it is but too true) that the influence of the priests over the human minds is gained largely by the obligatory confessions to which they subject their adherents and whom they compel to recognize them (as priests) as the authorized medium between themselves and their God, claiming to be invested with power to give absolution if they think fit, or condemn to everlasting suffering.

The Catholic priests have ever been the privileged teachers of the human race, pretending that the only happiness and salvation of mankind can be found in what they teach, but have they ever taught lessons of love, peace on earth and good will to man with the same purity as Freemasonry? The hatred and fanaticism they have awakened, the cruelty, the tears, the ignorance they have caused, defies description and can only be understood by those, who had direct experience of the iniquities, of which such priests are capable, and they do all professedly in the name of religion and of the faith.

The church of Rome, in her opposition to all liberty of thought and tolerance in religion, has always been the enemy of Freemasonry. She hates our noble institution because it is founded on liberty of thought and tolerance in religion, knowing nothing of distinctive dogmas or conflicting creeds, having truth for its center.

Freemasonry has always been designated as the torchlight

of civilization, and its role should always be to enlighten humanity. In Catholic countries it has a special, a noble mission to perform, that is, to free enslaved minds from the shackles of tyranny. The French Masons are perfectly aware of their mission. They have taken up with energy and confidence the great struggle of light against darkness, of right against wrong, of sympathy against cruelty and oppression. Their watchword is: "The tyranny of priesthood must fall, shall fall—the glorious yet mysterious light of Freemasonry shall shine, must shine!"

In both France and Belgium the enemies of light and liberty are very strong and numerous, perhaps more so in Belgium, where a clerical government has held the reins for years, and where ignorance and fanaticism possess most formidable strongholds. In Belgium, of course, Masonry is not recognized officially, and the Belgian Masons find themselves continually at war with said enemies; individual Masons are opposed almost in every phase of their existence.

If the Catholic priests were less intolerant and less tyrannical, freethinkers would not exist. The standpoint which the Masons have taken in the different Catholic countries can only be explained as an expression of a counteraction against the priesthood.

The result of the discussion respecting the report of the committee authorized to correspond or exchange ideas with a certain number of influential Masons in France relative to pending questions has been the adoption of the following resolution:

"Acknowledging that the Grand Orient of France is guilty of certain unmasonic actions, which deserve criticism, but, in consideration of the fact that the French Masons are battling against the same common enemy of Freemasonry as their Belgian brethren, the latter cannot but be in sympathy with their French brethren, who are fighting so manfully for freedom of thought and action, for themselves and their children."

The resolution arrived as it the result of an extensive, thorough reflection, and I venture to hope that my communications will meet with due consideration on your part. I venture to believe that, if your good self and the Grand officers of Maine will, in your minds, only for a moment place yourselves in the position of the Grand Orient of Belgium, you cannot very well conclude an abrogation of your relations with us because we entertain relations with the Grand Orient of France.

Nothing appears to have been done in this matter except that all matters relating to Foreign Grand Lodges were referred to the Committee on Correspondence. In fighting the Roman Catholic priesthood the Masons of France and Belgium have gone to the other extreme. It seems a pity that some middle course could not be found. While we condemn their atheistical tendencies we cannot help sympathizing with them in the difficult situation in

which they are placed. It is very difficult for us to realize their position, and it is equally difficult for them to see things from our point of view.

The recognition of Costa Rica was deferred in order to see that this new Grand Lodge behaves itself properly. The committee hold that three legitimate lodges have the right to organize a Grand Lodge in unoccupied territory.

The report on Correspondence is again by Bro. Albion E. Chase, and reviews our Proceedings of 1903. Bro. Chase thinks that Grand Lodge should be almost purely a representative body. He would not allow Past Masters to vote in Grand Lodge or to serve on committees, but they might be allowed a voice in the discussions.

Lodges, 201; members, 24,611; increase, 671.

Hugh R. Chaplin (Bangor), G. M.

Stephen Berry (Portland), G. S.

MANITOBA.

29th Communication, Edmonton, June 18, 1904.

E. A. Braithwaite, G. M.

New lodges were opened at Saskatoon, Miami and Carleton Place.

The following report of the Board of General Purposes was adopted:

The proper course to adopt as to the examination of visitors, your Board would recommend that this Grand Lodge should rule that each visitor should be examined separately, and that the Tyler's test should be given at the conclusion thereof, after the examining committee are thoroughly satisfied that the visiting brother has given substantial proof of his fitness to enter the lodge; also that the visiting brother should produce some documentary evidence that he is a member in good standing of a regularly constituted lodge owing allegiance to a Grand Lodge recognized by this Grand Body.

Members of Manitoba lodges desiring to visit lodges outside of Manitoba can procure a Visiting Certificate, good for one year from date of issue.

There being no appeals or grievances the conclusion is irresistible that peace and harmony prevail throughout this large jurisdiction.

The sum of \$500 was placed to the credit of the Aged and Indigent Masons' Fund.

Lodges, 82; members, 4,274; increase, 463.

Rev. A. Chisholm (Macgregor), G. M.

James A. Ovas (Winnipeg), G. S.

MARYLAND.

118th Communication, Baltimore, November 15, 1904.

Thomas J. Shyrock, G. M.

The Grand Master reports continued prosperity. Notwithstanding the disastrous fire in Baltimore in February, which for a time almost paralyzed the energies of a large portion of the population, there has been no diminution of Masonic work. All the available space in the Temple was given up to the sufferers by the fire without cost.

The Grand Lodge of Egypt was recognized, and representatives are to be exchanged with the Grand Orient of Brazil.

Bro. J. H. Medairy, the Grand Secretary emeritus, died in February in his 83rd year. He was Grand Secretary for 40 years.

The Grand Lecturer visited all the lodges and found them in good condition, financially and otherwise.

In his review of Canada for 1903, Bro. E. T. Schultz devotes considerable space to proving that a Grand Lodge cannot "call off" for anything but "refreshment," and that we are entirely wrong in calling off to lay a corner-stone or to bury a brother. Bro. Schultz does not seem able to realize the fact that a Grand Lodge may be "open," although it is "called off." In Preston's Illustrations (12th edition, 1812) the outside ceremonies are given with considerable detail. In the instructions for the ceremony of laying a corner-stone, he says: "The lodge being opened by the Grand Master, and the rules for regulating the procession to and from the place where the ceremony is to be performed rehearsed by the Grand Secretary, the necessary cautions are given from the chair, and the lodge is adjourned, after which the procession sets out in the following order." The order of the procession is then given, and then the ceremony, and the instructions conclude thus: "after which the procession returns to the place whence it set out and the lodge is closed by the Grand Wardens." This is precisely our way of doing things. The printed record may not always show that the Grand Lodge was called off or adjourned, but it is always done prior to the performance of any outside ceremony.

Lodges, 106; members, 10,293; increase, 567.

Thomas J. Shyrock (Baltimore), G. M.

William M. Isaac (Baltimore), G. S.

MASSACHUSETTS.

171st Communication, Boston, December 14, 1904.

Baalis Sanford, G. M.

The Grand Master reports the united and prosperous condition of Masonry generally throughout the State, and the devotion and loyalty exhibited by the brethren and lodges have been most pleasing.

The Grand Master interdicted the installation of a Junior Warden who had connected himself with a "Cerneau" body in violation of the regulations of the Grand Lodge. The offender brought suit in the civil court and was defeated. He then applied to another court for a mandamus and was again unsuccessful. The Grand Master hopes for no further trouble with these misguided people.

The requests for recognition from Queensland and Porto Rico were referred to a special committee.

Lodges, 239; members, 46,715; increase, 1,408.

Baalis Sanford (Brockton), G. M.

Sereno D. Nickerson (Boston), G. S.

MINNESOTA.

52nd Communication, St. Paul, January 18, 1905.

William A. McGonagle, G. M.

The condition of the Craft is most excellent. Three new lodges were opened. Under "Miscellaneous Dispensations" the Grand Master says:

On August 20th a great storm damaged the lodge room at Merriam Park and took the charter that was hanging framed, on the wall, out of the building, and it has never since been found. I immediately issued a dispensation to the lodge to continue work until this communication of the Grand Lodge. It has been suggested that possibly the brethren in the planet Mars are now working under this charter, as their authority; if so, we may possibly see the forty-seventh problem of Euclid depicted upon the face of that planet at no distant date.

On May 4th I gave permission to the Acacia Club, of the University of Minnesota, to send out circular letters to all the lodges in this jurisdiction giving information that the club would extend a helping hand to all sons and daughters of Masons in the way of assisting them in case of sickness and in aiding them to secure rooms and board in reputable families. The members of this club are Master Masons, and I consider the work they have undertaken a most praiseworthy one, and so informed them by letter, wishing them Godspeed in their meritorious enterprise.

Honorary membership was abolished, the following resolution being adopted:

Resolved, That no lodge in this jurisdiction shall in the future grant honorary membership or exempt any of its members from the payment of lodge dues.

In his review of Canada for 1904, Bro. Irving Todd says of the address of Grand Master Harding: "The address is a practical business paper, with no allusions to the rolling round of another year, etc."

On the conferring of past rank, Bro. Todd says:

The conferring of past rank, although undoubtedly in most cases with the kindest of motives, has become so common in many jurisdictions that the distinction is of little value to the recipient. If the members of a lodge are desirous of complimenting a brother by making him a Past Master, why not elect him to the office and let the rank take care of itself?

Among the deaths of the year we find that of Bro. Matthew Craig, at the age of 91. He was a builder by trade and was raised in St. Andrew's Lodge, Toronto, as early as March 25, 1845.

Lodges, 242; members, 20,287; increase, 774.

Henry M. Tusler (St. Paul), G. M.

Thomas Montgomery (St. Paul), G. S.

MISSOURI.

84th Communication, St. Louis, September 27, 1904.

W. F. Kuhn, G. M.

Previous to the opening of the Grand Lodge, the children of the Masonic Home, under the charge of the Matron, circled the hall, formed a picturesque group upon the platform and entertained the brethren with beautiful songs and an eloquent recitation.

The Grand Master reports ten new lodges, although he thinks that they have too many lodges and that fully 75 could be consolidated with profit and strength to all.

When a lodge is at work its charter must be present, but a strict adherence to this rule was the cause of an awkward situation:

Marcus Lodge, No. 110, at Fredericktown, reported the loss of its charter in rather an amusing and peculiar way. It appears that this lodge kept its charter in at least a sacred spot, if not a secure one, between the leaves of the Bible. It happened, as it frequently does, that one of the brethren died, and while on the way to the cemetery the Bearer of the Great

Lights fell down and unceremoniously spilled the Great Lights all over Madison county. A very strong wind was blowing, many of the leaves of the Bible being loose, as is very common in lodge Bibles, the wind spread the Gospel, and along with it the charter, to the four quarters of the earth. I could not understand why the charter should be taken to the funeral, unless the dogma of the "visible presence" of the charter had, like the ancient landmark, such a firm hold upon the members that they believed that the deceased would not rest well without a strict constitutional interment. I was informed that it was customary to keep the charter in the Bible, and if the brother had not fallen all would have been well. The Secretary volunteered the timely information that the Bearer of the Great Lights was not intoxicated when he fell, as he was a minister of the Gospel. I ordered strict search to be made in and about Fredericktown to see if the charter might not be hidden in the recesses of the rocks. Search was made, the charter found, brought up and placed in a frame, no more to wander away. I have since learned that some lodges do carry the charter to the cemetery under the delusion that even the last rites could not be paid the deceased unless the charter was present.

Bro. Kuhn says that "if a Grand Master should violate the civil law as frequently as he is requested to violate the law of the Grand Lodge he would be obliged to spend the remainder of his days in the penitentiary."

A complimentary banquet and reception was given to the Grand Secretary, Bro. John D. Vincil, on the 50th anniversary of his being brought to light. Numerous golden presentations were made, and just tributes were rendered to "an efficient officer, a Christian gentleman, and an honored man."

The World's Fair at St. Louis attracted numbers of the Craft from foreign countries, and the Grand Lodge had to go into the "recognition" business quite extensively. The report of the Special Committee contains the following:

We therefore recommend that the following Grand Lodges be recognized by the Grand Lodge of Missouri: Queensland, Costa Rica, The Three Globes, Germany, Royal York, Saxony, Eclectic Union, Zur Sonne, Zur Eintracht of Concord, Denmark at Copenhagen, Sweden at Stockholm, Norway at Christiania, Netherlands (Holland).

Your committee has considered the Grand Lodges of Hamburg, Hungary, Alpina (Switzerland), Grand Orient of Belgium, Grand Orient of Italy and Grand Lodge of Peru, but are not in possession of sufficient information to warrant our further consideration for the present.

Their Masonic Home has been in operation for 18

years. They have 146 inmates, and the cost of maintenance for the year was \$23,467.18. The matron says:

Our children are happy and bright and good most of the time. They want me to express to you their thanks for the generous World's Fair fund that has been supplied them. It has been a great source of pleasure, and, I trust, a great benefit as well. The free days have helped out and made it possible for them to see many of the extra features of the Fair. We are entertained by stories of Hagenbeck's animals and the Boer war, and are kept busy keeping out of the way of Hale's Fire Fighters, while Cummings' wild Indians, with their paint and feathers, make the air ring with their war whoops. To use the phrase of the day, we are "the whole show."

The only thing we want real bad is an automobile ride.

We have done our best to keep our Home in readiness for the many visitors from everywhere that drop in on us at all times of the day. Even the superintendent donned the painter's garb and mounted the ladder to get the boys' rooms in order. The fresh paint and new chairs given by the O. E. B have made quite an improvement. It gives us real pleasure to meet our friends who are doing so much for us, and our girls are glad to show them through our Home.

The health is remarkable. Of course, we have to have mumps and measles occasionally to keep up with the times, but no broken bones or serious sickness. We always have some ailing ones among our old people, but they receive every attention from our faithful physicians and nurses, and the children visit them with flowers.

Bro. John D. Vincil presented his 27th report on Correspondence and reviews Canada for 1903.

Lodges, 563; members, 39,080; increase, 1,675.

Leroy B. Valliant (St. Louis), G. M.

Shortly after the close of Grand Lodge, Bro. John D. Vincil, Grand Secretary, passed to his reward. He was 74 years of age, and had been Grand Secretary for 27 years. He was Grand Master in 1866. Bro. Vincil was undoubtedly a leader in the Craft, a man of great ability, successful both as an orator and a writer, genial and universally loved and esteemed. His loss will be deeply felt and greatly regretted.

MONTANA.

40th Communication, Helena, October 5th, 1904.

H. S. Hepner, G. M.

No fewer than four Past Grand Masters died during the year, all pioneers of Montana, helping to shape order

out of chaos. They were all present at the birth of the Order in Montana and aided in its strong and healthful growth.

The returns indicate a prosperous condition of the lodges. A new lodge was opened at Manhattan.

The following resolutions were adopted:

Resolved, That it is the sense of this Grand Lodge that it is unwise for any lodge or collection of lodges to use spirituous, malt, or vinous liquors as a part of the refreshments provided at any banquet or other Masonic function and the use of the same is hereby prohibited.

Resolved, That when an officer or enlisted man in the United States army shall have been actually present within the jurisdiction of Montana, in the service, for the period of twelve months, and of a local lodge for the period of six months, such presence shall be deemed a sufficient residence within the meaning of the code of statutes to entitle such officer or enlisted man to petition for the degrees.

Resolved, That at the time of receiving the Third Degree, each brother be presented by his lodge with a copy of the official Monitor of this jurisdiction and a copy of our Code of Statutes.

Lodges, 51; members, 4,013; increase, 233.

Lew L. Callaway (Virginia City), G. M.

Cornelius Hedges (Helena), G. S.

NEBRASKA.

47th Communication, Omaha, June 8, 1904.

Frank E. Bullard, G. M.

On the condition of the Craft the Grand Master says:

The returns will show a larger number of initiations than ever before in our history, and could we be assured that each and every candidate had first been prepared in his heart to receive the lessons of the Ancient Craft, the addition of more than one thousand earnest and zealous brethren would mean much in the future for all that Masonry stands for. Just so far, however, as they have been actuated by improper and unworthy motives, they are an element of weakness rather than of strength.

Although this apparent prosperity has been well distributed, we have a number of very weak lodges, incapable of doing their work with dignity and impressiveness, and still worse, by their lack of harmony, and of the true Masonic character, bringing the Order into disrepute in the community. These lodges should be either purged and cleansed of their iniquity, or be no longer suffered to exist. I am not a believer in human perfection, but there are mortal sins even in Masonry, and the brethren guilty of them should be made to feel the smart and sting of Masonic discipline.

Visiting a lodge in Omaha without notice, the Grand Master found an attendance of over eighty, but his pleasure was sadly marred by the cloud of smoke filling the lodge room. He takes occasion to say that smoking during the time that a lodge is open detracts greatly from the dignity of the meeting and should not be allowed. Such an occurrence would be unheard of in Canada.

Three new lodges were opened.

The Grand Master decided, contrary to most authorities, that a lodge room may be used for a private social party, "if nothing in connection therewith is calculated to disturb the harmony of the lodge." Suppose Tom Jones danced too often with the other fellow's girl, what would the committee on "harmony" do about it?

The conclusion of the address is excellent:

True Masonry is the upbuilding and uplifting of the individual character, and the welding of those characters into a compact harmonious society, having for its aim and object the advancement of everything that stands for more intelligent citizenship, more godly homes, and cleaner lives. The introduction into this society of imperfect, unprepared material weakens its force, destroys its influence, and nullifies its aim. The Masonic lodge should by the very character of its membership exert an active, forceful influence in the community where it exists, and where it does not we may rest assured that its portals have not been securely guarded, and that from mercenary or other unworthy motives its high standards of morality and righteousness have been lowered to the level of men yet in darkness, and without the knowledge of the truth. If this is true in any degree in the lodge you are here representing, let me urge that you apply the proper remedy ere disaster overtakes you.

The Grand Custodian held 411 sessions of official schools of instruction in 56 different lodges, with an aggregate attendance of 4,600. The work at these schools is thus specified:

At each school held, in addition to a review of the esoteric work, in every particular, a written report is made to the Grand Master covering the following points: Place, date, attendance, number of sessions, lodges represented, description, location, and condition of lodge room, and of jurisdiction, resident membership, liabilities, date of election, installation, fees, dues, delinquent dues, inventory of all property, indigent Masons, widows, orphans, relief expended, records covering ten points, compendium, parts 1, 2 and 3, proficiency of officers, jurisprudence seven points, number of meetings held (regular and special), attendance at each meeting, expense of each school, showing cash balance in my hands twice

each week, with such recommendations as I may deem for the interest of each particular case.

The new Masonic Home at Plattsmouth was formally dedicated, and the amendments increasing the Grand Lodge dues for the benefit of the Home were all carried.

The report on Correspondence is again by Bro. Charles J. Phelps, and reviews our Proceedings of 1903.

Lodges, 236; members, 14,190; increase, 581.

Charles E. Burnham (Norfolk), G. M.

Francis E. White (Omaha), G. S.

NEVADA.

40th Communication, Virginia City, June 14, 1904.

The severe illness of the Grand Master, Trenmor Coffin, preventing his presence, Bro. George Gillson, Deputy Grand Master, presided. Bro. Gillson was initiated in Manito Lodge, No. 90, G. R. C., a few months after the writer of this report, and shortly afterwards Bro. Gillson had the pleasure of seeing his father initiated in the same lodge. Manito lodge has now three Past Grand Masters to its credit.

Harmony prevails and the lodges are fairly prosperous.

The address of Bro. Coffin contains the following:

Masonry has wrought a wondrous work in this world of ours, and her work shall continue. Greater is the outlook for the future. It rests, however, upon the individual members. See to it, brethren, that you bear this well in mind. Dare to live Masonry! Let her principles become a part of your every day lives, a daily habit, a delight, an ever present inspiration, remembering that her teachings command that God is our Father; man is our brother. She places a firm reliance on the firmness of the individual. A strong character is her mainstay. Strength of mind is good; strength of heart and soul is better; but best of all is character. Character is Masonry's best builder. Character is Masonry's best defender. Irreligion, vice and crime hide their heads in its presence. Be character builders each one of you! Build squarely upon Masonry's impregnable truths. Do and dare! Go forth in Masonry's great name! Act well your part and all will be well!

The business transacted was of local interest only.

The report on Correspondence is again by Bro. Edward D. Vanderlieth, and reviews our Proceedings of 1903.

Lodges, 21; members, 985; increase, 41.

George Gillson (Carson City), G. M.

Chauncey N. Noteware (Carson City), G. S.

NEW BRUNSWICK.

37th Communication, St. John, August 23, 1904.

Arthur I. Trueman, G. M.

The condition of the Craft in this jurisdiction is concisely set forth by the Grand Master:

Nothing can be more pleasing to a Grand Master than to be able to report the prevalence of peace, harmony and growth in his jurisdiction. It is my privilege to report that the condition of Masonry in this Province during the past year has been marked by a continuous and satisfactory growth, as well in the increase of its membership as in the improved character of its work. The balance in the hands of the treasurer has been substantially increased. No case has arisen that called for discipline. No important matter leading to dispute or division among the brethren has been brought to our attention. The fraternal feeling which should characterize Freemasonry has prevailed in the several lodges, and between those lodges and this body. That this harmony does not exist by reason of stagnation or indifference among the members of an institution is shown by the fact that our lodges are in a flourishing condition, and our Craftsmen have not forgotten the good works of love and charity.

The death is announced of Bro. Robert Marshall, P. G. M., who has been long a most prominent member. He was born in 1832 and was Grand Master in 1878 and 1879. He also filled a large number of public positions and was greatly esteemed and loved for his many kindly and generous acts.

The Grand Master visited every lodge in the jurisdiction and believes that these visits are of great service to the Craft.

It was solemnly decided that a lodge had no power to confer the rank of Past Master upon a brother who has not regularly passed the chair. It is a little singular to find one of their oldest lodges attempting such a procedure.

The application of Queensland for recognition was postponed.

A Past Master was present who had completed sixty-two years of active Masonry, and the Grand Lodge conferred upon W. Bro. Andrew Skillen the rank of P. S. G. W.

There is no extended report on Correspondence.

Lodges, 35; members, 2,145; increase, 78.

Edwin J. Everett (St. John), G. M.

J. Twining Hartt (St. John), G. S.

NEW HAMPSHIRE.

115th Communication, Concord, May 18, 1904.

Harry M. Cheney, G. M.

Their new Masonic Home is now in practical operation. The per capita tax is seventy-five cents, of which fifty cents is to be used for Home purposes.

From being a firm believer in the doctrine of perpetual jurisdiction, the Grand Master has been compelled to recognize that it is an unreasonable practice and is doomed to extinction.

The reports of the District Deputies show the lodges to be in excellent condition, and harmony prevails.

Canada for 1903 receives fraternal attention. In his review of Virginia, Bro. A. S. "W"ait has the following on jurisdiction:

We have all our Masonic life been taught that, under our American system, residence by a profane within such territorial limits for the requisite time, gives such lodge jurisdiction over him for the purpose of receiving his application and conferring the degrees upon him, and that such jurisdiction is exclusive, though it may be waived in favor of another lodge. Before the requisite time has elapsed (generally one year) it is generally held that the lodge does not gain a matured jurisdiction, and consequently has none to waive. Does our brother dissent from this proposition? We will wait for his explanation before entering upon the discussion, if we do even then. It is certainly true that we regard territorial jurisdiction as modern, and we believe it unknown to English, Scottish or Irish Masonry, or elsewhere except upon the American continent, unless it may be in some jurisdictions of the southern Pacific islands. The latter have in many things evinced a disposition to follow American usages, and may have adopted this one to some extent. Of this we cannot with any confidence speak. It is an American idea, accepted as fundamental with us. In regard to it we have no controversy, but we believe a fair examination of its history will show that it has been the cause of more controversy, more heartburnings, and more bad blood, among American Masons, than all other causes put together.

Lodges, 79; members, 9,572; decrease, 12.

Henry I. Haselton (Manchester), G. M.

Frank D. Woodbury (Concord), G. S.

NEW MEXICO.

27th Communication; Albuquerque, October 17, 1904.

J. C. Slack, G. M.

The Grand Master refused the request of a lodge for joint occupancy with the Catholic Church. That such a

request should have been made seems remarkable, but the Grand Lodge ordered that the correspondence should not appear in the printed proceedings.

All the lodges are doing good work.

The Grand Lodge declared against perpetual jurisdiction.

In his review of Florida, Bro. W. H. Seamon has the following:

To my mind the greatest defect in Masonry is the lack of provision for the social side. While we have been struggling to maintain the Fraternity on a high plane of right living and morality, we have forgotten the *raison d'être*, the social features. Lodges are opened at night a few times in each month. At these meetings the visiting brother receives a hearty welcome, and the brethren forget the cares of the day and devote themselves to good fellowship. After a few hours the lodge is closed and Masonry is forgotten until the next meeting. I believe that there should be rooms in connection with every lodge in the country provided with means of entertainment, which will be open at all reasonable hours, where Masons—and their families, too—might gather at all leisure moments, where the stranger might be taken and entertained. Masonry initiates men into Masonry, teaches them many wise and serious truths, surrounds them with a lot of legislative "shall notes," and then leaves them to pursue their paths in life without using any practical means to diminish the temptations which beset men at every hand. If you wish to fight intemperance and bad company, provide attractive places where temptations for evil do not exist and where the company is good. There are to-day organizations which are growing rapidly, and the cause of their growth is the club feature. The initiation of candidates is only an incident in their lives. The rooms are always open, and every hour one may find some there to help pass the idle hours away. These things cost money, and it may be said that Masonry cannot afford it. The majority of the members of these organizations are also Masons, and it will certainly not cost more for Masonic lodges to run these rooms than it does for the other organizations. This is a direction in which it would be well to progress, and progress rapidly. It is a practical way of fighting the evils of intemperance and illustrating the beauties of Masonry.

"Ontario" for 1904 receives a good notice.

Lodges, 23; members, 1,431; increase, 174.

George W. Ward (Las Vegas), G. M.

Alpheus A. Keen (Albuquerque), G. S.

NEW SOUTH WALES.

Proceedings from June, 1903, to September, 1904.

Five quarterly and three special meetings.

The centenary of the dawn of Freemasonry in Australia was celebrated at a special meeting on July 20, 1903. In the early days there was much tribulation in the efforts of the brethren to establish a Masonic lodge:

The first such proved disastrous; as although it was alleged that "several of the officers of His Majesty's ships, together with some respectable inhabitants of Sydney, wished to establish a Masonic lodge," the Governor refused permission; and, on the movement being, nevertheless, proceeded with, promptly deported the leading spirit to Tasmania on the 16th May, 1803.

His Excellency next day repeated his prohibition of Masonic meetings, and, about a year afterwards, explained that "every soldier and other person would have been made a Freemason had not the most decided means been taken to prevent it." (Laughter).

His fears appear to have been well-founded, for, less than a week afterwards, the records already referred to, for which I am indebted to the researches of our Masonic Historian, R. W. Bro. Trivett, are supplemented by the following, which comes to me as an entry in the diary of a worthy member of the Craft in Adelaide, since deceased:

2nd May, 1803.—A number of Masons, meeting at the house of Sergt. Whittell, in Sydney, New South Wales, were arrested, and, after serious report, were discharged, as having no wilful intention to disturb the peace. (Laughter).

We have no history of the subsequent proceedings of these brethren; but after events would seem to show that it is at least probable they kept their zeal for the Craft warm and thereby influenced others, as the lodges which were generally attached to the regiments of soldiers on duty in Sydney evidently found among its inhabitants a sympathetic interest.

The ball which closed the celebration produced a net sum of £400 for the benefit of the Freemasons' Benevolent Institution.

The Grand Lodge of Costa Rica was recognized.

The Grand Inspector of Workings, with a full staff of district inspectors, kept a strict supervision of all the lodges. The Grand Officers are also detailed from time to time to make official visits. The results are seen in the uniformly favorable condition of the Craft and the continued practice of the moral and social virtues in accord with the principles of the Fraternity.

At the quarterly meeting held on September 14, 1904, the new Grand Lodge of Queensland was formally recognized after full discussion, the resolution being adopted with only five dissentients.

The Committee on Correspondence consists of five

members, all of whom take part in the work. Canada for 1903 receives a good notice.

Lodges, 198; members, 10,044; increase, 676.

John C. Remington (Sydney), G. M.

Arthur H. Bray (Sydney), G. S.

NEW YORK:

124th Communication, New York, May 2, 1905.

Frank H. Robinson, G. M.

The address opens as follows:

The Masonic year just passed has been an eventful one for the Craft. Much good has been accomplished. We have safely passed through a critical period in our history. We have given the world an example of open-handed, large-hearted generosity for which Masonry has so often stood as a synonym. As example is always better than precept, may we not take great comfort in charity actually accomplished? We have been drawn closer together by our common endeavor. Masonry has prospered as never before in all its history. The outer door has been well guarded, but our membership has grown without sacrificing quality-character. An unusual number of Masonic temples have been and are being erected in all parts of our State. We cannot but look with pardonable pride upon that which our Fraternity has done during the last twelve months. You have met with success because your united and brotherly spirit was irresistible and deserved success. You are entitled to all the blessings and praise. I am proud of you, and may a kind Providence ever keep you united in the good and noble works to which you have devoted so much of your time, talents and substance.

The Grand Master reports that he had caused bills to be prepared and introduced into the Legislature of the State making it a crime to advertise to confer or to confer any alleged Masonic degrees without authority of the Grand Lodge.

Twenty children from the Masonic Home entertained the Grand Lodge with songs and recitations. The Home has 303 inmates, and the per capita cost for the twelve months was \$206.68.

A charity ball given by the Knights Templars of the State proved a great success, the sum of nearly \$17,000 being realized.

Action was deferred on the application of Queensland for recognition, and the following was adopted:

Regarding the request of the Grand Lodge of France for the exchange of mutual representatives, your committee have

carefully investigated the position of the French Grand Body, also the decree of the Supreme Council relinquishing its supremacy over the Grand Lodge of France, which is now a sovereign Grand Body, with exclusive control over the degrees of Ancient Craft Masonry.

As we have, however, been unable to establish the fact that the French Masons consider the belief in the Great Architect of the Universe an essential condition for the reception of candidates into the Fraternity, and as we have further learned, upon inquiry from an official source of the French Grand Lodge, that the belief in the Great Architect of the Universe with the French Craft is more of a "symbol" than a "dogma," contrary to the fundamental principles of the Ancient Craft, as held and determined by the Grand Lodge of New York, we have no option but to recommend that the application of the Grand Lodge of France be declined.

The report on Correspondence is again by Bro. Jesse B. Anthony, and contains a review of Canada for 1904.

Lodges, 767; members, 132,687; increase, 6,510.

Frank H. Robinson (Hornellsville), G. M.

Edward M. L. Ehlers (New York), G. S.

NEW ZEALAND.

Annual Communication, Dunedin, May 4, 1904.

Herbert J. Williams, G. M.

The Board of Benevolence made grants to the amount of \$1,560, and the number of circular appeals for aid has been considerably curtailed. No others will be issued unless the regular funds are found insufficient.

The death is announced of their first Grand Master, Bro. Henry Thomson, at the age of 78. He was the moving spirit in the formation of the Grand Lodge.

The dispute with the Grand Lodge of Scotland still continues, and they have strong grounds of complaint at the unreasonable delay on the part of Scotland in dealing with the formal recognition of the Grand Lodge of New Zealand without conditions.

There is also a small trouble with the Grand Lodge of England, which is assuming to revive a dormant lodge contrary to the terms of recognition of the Grand Lodge of New Zealand. The latter body vigorously protests.

The Grand Lodge of Costa Rica was recognized.

In the middle of the Pacific Ocean lie the Society Islands, and the Grand Orient of France has established a lodge there.

Lodge l'Océanie Française, No. 350, Tahiti.—A letter was received in February last from this lodge informing us

that the lodge has recently been opened at Papeete, Tahiti, under the authority of a charter issued by the Supreme Council for France of "The Antient and Accepted Scottish Rite," and proposing the establishment of friendly Masonic relations with us.

While the Board is desirous of cultivating the closest friendship with our brethren in Tahiti, we cannot recommend Grand Lodge to accede to the recognition of this lodge as a regular lodge because of the doubtful nature of its origin.

In view of the fact that there is regular commercial intercourse between New Zealand and Tahiti, and it having come to our knowledge already that members of the Craft under our jurisdiction have visited this lodge, we suggest that Grand Lodge should take the subject into consideration and consult with other Grand Lodges in Australasia regarding the policy to be observed in relation to this matter, and the whole question of the right to establish lodges in Polynesia.

The Grand Lodge procured the passage of a special Act of Parliament under the provisions of which all the property of Grand Lodge and subordinate lodges will be legally vested in trustees.

The finger-print system of identification was recommended to be adopted by the lodges to prevent fraud and imposture.

It was also recommended that the lodges should have a fixed date for their regular meetings "independent of the moon."

The whole of the lodges are strong and flourishing, and the raising of the initiation fee in a large number of the lodges indicates a wish to elevate the quality of new members.

Lodges, 128; members, 6,631; increase, 432.

Alfred H. Burton (Dunedin), G. M.

Malcolm Niccol (Dunedin), G. S.

NORTH CAROLINA.

118th Communication, Raleigh, January 10, 1905.

W. S. Liddell, G. M.

The Grand Master had a busy year, although he had no complaints from either lodges or individuals. He reports eight new lodges.

In the report of the committee on the address of the Grand Master we find the following:

We would especially commend his zealous and earnest work in the interest of our great enterprise, the Masonic Temple, and his faithful, unselfish efforts in behalf of that grand charity, the Oxford Orphan Asylum, the pride of

Masonry in North Carolina, which will stand as a monument to our Order as long as there is love in the human heart for a destitute orphan child.

The following was adopted:

Whereas, We believe the building of the Masonic Temple is a matter of great importance to the Grand Lodge of North Carolina and is fraught with much good for the future welfare and prosperity of Masonry in this State, and believing that the completion of the plans contemplated in regard to the temple will enable us to further prosecute the great work which this Grand Lodge is now doing in connection with the Oxford Orphan Asylum, and will further enable this Grand Lodge to consummate its desires in regard to establishing a home for aged and indigent Masons; and,

Whereas, Our Committee on Masonic Temples has endeavored to mature its plans with prudence and economy and with a desire to complete the Temple as soon as possible, at the same time not to deviate from good business principles, and believing that every Mason in North Carolina should take an interest and a pride in the building of this temple and should aid the committee in its work and lighten its burden as much as we can; and,

Whereas, The committee has undertaken to raise a specific amount in donations of \$10, payable in five annual instalments of \$2 each in order to lessen the debt as much as possible upon the temple; therefore,

Resolved, That this Grand Lodge indorses the action of the committee and believes that it is the duty of every Mason in North Carolina who is able to do so to obligate himself to give \$2 a year to this noble enterprise for the next five years, and that we heartily recommend and request every member of this Grand Lodge to feel that he is appointed a committee of one by this Grand Lodge to solicit contributions of this nature from every member, as far as he can, of their respective lodges, and report the result of such canvass to the Grand Secretary.

Bro. John A. Collins reports on Correspondence and reviews Canada for 1904.

Lodges, 333; members, 14,578; increase, 915.

W. S. Liddell (Charlotte), G. M.

John C. Drewry (Raleigh), G. S.

NORTH DAKOTA.

15th Communication, Fargo, June 28, 1904.

James T. Blacklock, G. M.

He reports five new lodges.

Recognition was extended to no fewer than three Grand Lodges in Mexico, the Grand Lodge of the Argentine Republic and the Grand Lodge of Norway and Sweden.

There is nothing in creation like the American flag:

Resolved, That, agreeably to the recommendation of the Grand Master, the flag of our country shall be displayed at all sessions of the Grand Communications of this Grand Lodge in token of our reverence and esteem of the liberty that it proclaims to all our people.

And we recommend that this noble emblem of liberty be displayed in the halls of all particular lodges within this Grand Jurisdiction ;

And we further recommend that it be carried at the head of all Masonic processions upon occasions when it would be appropriate.

Owing to the illness of Bro. R. M. Carothers there is no report on correspondence.

Lodges, 72; members, 4,847; increase, 343.

James W. Foley (Bismarck), G. M.

Frank J. Thompson (Fargo), G. S.

NOVA SCOTIA.

39th Communication, Halifax, June 8, 1904.

Hon. William Ross, G. M.

The Grand Master has had a remarkable career. He is 79 years of age, has been a Mason for over 51 years, was Grand Secretary for over 12 years, and is a member of the Senate of Canada. His political duties at Ottawa took up a large portion of his time, but the Craft was not at all neglected. In his excellent address we find the following remarks on their proposed Home for Aged Men:

It is now an established fact that ere long this Home will be in full operation in this city. Large and commodious premises have been purchased with all the land-requisite for this much needed establishment. Until the whole debt on Freemasons' Hall, with a mortgage of \$10,000 and \$15,160 in debentures is removed, Grand Lodge will be unable to entertain the hope of erecting a Masonic Home, found so useful in other jurisdictions, particularly in Great Britain and the United States. In the circular addressed to all our lodges the proposition to establish ten rooms and beds in said Home is fully explained at a probably yearly cost of \$1,000. The committee having charge of this scheme, composed of prominent members of Grand Lodge, have so elaborately set their views before the Lodges and now before Grand Lodge that I need do no more than mention it to, I trust, receive the hearty approval of Grand Lodge. An additional charge of twenty-five cents from each member in good standing in all our lodges will insure a comfortable home for ten worthy brothers, who may now, to some extent, be receiving assistance from their respective lodges.

On the same subject the following was adopted:

"That this Grand Lodge pledge itself to place in the hands of Trustees to be appointed by the Grand Master a sum not exceeding nine hundred dollars per annum, to be applied in manner set forth in circular dated 15th February, 1904, towards the support of aged and indigent members of the Masonic Fraternity throughout the jurisdiction in the Home for Aged Men now being established in the city of Halifax;

"And that each lodge in the jurisdiction be asked to contribute annually a sum equal to or exceeding twenty-five cents for each member on the roll of said lodge as a voluntary contribution towards reimbursing Grand Lodge for this expenditure."

In his review of Canada for 1903 Bro. Thomas Mowbray says that the visit of Bro. Benjamin Allen to their Grand Lodge was much appreciated by the brethren, among whom he has many personal friends.

Lodges, 65; members, 4,171; increase, 289.

Charles R. Smith, K. C. (Amherst), G. M.

Thomas Mowbray (Halifax), G. S.

OHIO.

95th Communication, Toledo, October 19, 1904.

O. P. Sperra, G. M.

One of the most distinguished Past Grand Masters died during the year. Bro. Stacker Williams was a great Masonic student and an intelligent collector of Masonic literature. Some years ago he gave his valuable library to the Grand Lodge.

Four new lodges were opened.

The Grand Master made many visitations and was much impressed with the character of the men belonging to the Fraternity.

The work of the 25 District Lecturers was for the most part satisfactory. Every lodge in the State was visited and written reports thereon sent to the Grand Master.

The special report of the Correspondence Committee contains the following list of clandestine lodges:

Spurious Lodges.—The list of the names of spurious so-called Masonic lodges having been largely increased since last reported, your Committee on Foreign Correspondence herewith submits the following amended list of clandestine bodies in the several Grand Jurisdictions of the United States so far as obtained. Many of these, however, doubtless exist in name only. In this list the names of other so-called Cerneau bodies deemed equally clandestine are not included.

Illinois.

Amalia, No. 877, Chicago ; Lafayette, No. 214, Chicago ; Immanuel, No. 357, Chicago ; Justin, No. 204, Chicago ; York, Chicago.

Kentucky.

King Solomon, No. 1, Covington ; Washington, No. 2, Covington ; Jefferson, No. 3, Covington.

Louisiana.

A spurious Grand Lodge is said to have long existed in the State of Louisiana, but your committee has been unable to obtain the names of its subordinates.

Maryland.

An attempt has been recently made to establish spurious lodges in the city of Baltimore, in which it was advertised to be done under the auspices of a Second Grand Lodge in Ohio named by "a division" in Grand Lodge, and other misstatements and misrepresentations usual to bogus degree peddlers, in which it was proposed to "confer all the degrees of Masonry the same as any other lodge of Masons" at reduced prices. Your committee has not been advised of any successful result of their efforts.

Massachusetts.

List of spurious concerns, called Masonic lodges, said to be operating in Boston and vicinity, under the direction of certain expelled Masons, rejected applicants, and other disreputable persons. Most of these traps for the unwary are mere names, a part of the system of pretense and brag practiced by swindlers.

Boston, August 30, 1904.

Boston, No. 295, Boston ; Massachusetts, No. 296, Boston ; Suffolk, No. 297, Boston ; Commonwealth, No. 298, Boston ; Mount Zion, No. 299, Lynn ; Mount Pleasant, No. 300, Dorchester ; Puritan, No. 301, Swampscott ; Somerville, No. 302, Somerville ; Mount Olive, No. 303, Boston ; Edwin Baker, No. 304, Providence, R. I. ; Chelsea, No. 305, Chelsea ; Mount Moriah, No. 306, Boston ; St. John's, No. 307, Dorchester ; Dorchester Union, No. 308, Dorchester ; Eureka, No. 309, Providence, R. I. ; King Solomon, No. 210, Brockton ; King Hiram, No. 311, Everett ; Bunker Hill, No. 312, Charlestown ; Pine Tree, No. 313, Portland, Me. ; Harmony, No. 314, Brockton ; Ancient Landmark, No. 1, Boston ; Palmyra, No. 2, Boston ; Haverhill, No. 3, Haverhill ; Bethlehem ; Caledonia, Dorchester ; Constantine, No. 15, Cambridge ; Lincoln, Newton ; Mount Lebanon, Malden ; Oriental Star, Watertown ; Valetta, Allston.

New York.

Banner, No. 1, New York ; Excelsior, New York ; Benjamin Franklin, New York ; Progressive, New York ; Triune, New York ; McKinley, New York ; International, New York ; Atlantide (by Gr. Or. France), New York.

New Hampshire.

Gentile (U. D.), East Manchester.

Oregon.

Baker, No. 55, Marshfield (mixed negroes and whites).

Ohio.

Ahiman, Newark ; Alliance, Alliance ; Alpha, Cleveland ; Bismarck, Cincinnati ; Brighton, Cincinnati ; Columbia, Columbus ; Dumah, Springfield ; Eureka, Cincinnati ; Franklin, Columbus ; Gem City, Dayton ; Globe, Toledo ; Hiram, Canton ; Independence, Youngstown ; Lessing, Toledo ; Lincoln, Toledo ; Lincoln, Cleveland ; Lincoln Goodale, Columbus ; Linton, Cincinnati ; Massillon, Massillon ; Mt. Tabor, Chillicothe, Myrtle, Mt. Vernon ; New England, Worthington ; Olentangy, Columbus ; Painesville, Painesville ; Progress, Cleveland ; Salem, New Salem ; Scioto Valley, Portsmouth ; Surprise, Olmsted Falls ; Summit, Akron ; Victor, Cleveland ; Vinton, Galloway ; Washington, Cincinnati ; West Mansfield, West Mansfield.

Pennsylvania.

Accacia Lodge, No. 44, McKeesport ; Accacia Lodge, No. 252, Philadelphia ; Agora Lodge, No. 6, Bethlehem ; Abraham Lincoln Lodge, No. 210, Philadelphia ; Christopher Columbus Lodge, No. 188, Philadelphia ; Federal Lodge, East Mauch Chunk ; Harmony Lodge, Pittsburg ; Hiram Lodge, No. 250, Philadelphia ; Jupiter Lodge, No. 249, Philadelphia ; Jerusalem Lodge, No. 247, Philadelphia ; Liberal Lodge, No. 9, Siegfried ; Mount Carmel Lodge, No. 256, Philadelphia ; Mount Lebanon Lodge, No. 251, Philadelphia ; Pennsylvania Lodge, Allegheny City ; Pilgrim Lodge, Allentown ; St. John's Lodge, Weissport ; William McKinley Lodge, No. 264, Philadelphia ; Washington Lodge, No. 244, Hazelton ; Evergreen Chapter (Rose Croix), Philadelphia.

Of the Ohio so-called lodges, whilst some of them possibly never had any existence but in name for advertising purposes, there are others that were active in their spurious work that are now defunct, but their names are still used for the deception of the uninformed.

Recognition was extended to the Grand Lodges of Costa Rica, Tasmania, Western Australia, Valle de Mexico and the Grand Orient of Brazil.

The Ohio Masonic Home at Springfield has 149 inmates. The cost of maintenance for the year was \$27,187.88. The Grand Lodge voted \$6,000 to the Permanent Fund of the Home and \$6,000 to the Improvement Fund.

Bro. William M. Cunningham reports on Correspondence and reviews Canada for 1903. On the symbolism of the lesser lights, he says:

As symbols, representatives, or correspondences, however they may be termed, are triplicate in their application—or in

their signification of end, cause, and effect—the same symbol or representative may have a very different signification and teach another equally, if not more, important lesson in another grade or in another ceremonial.

To the initiate representing one just emerging from the darkness of unregenerate life, the reception of light from the Sun of Righteousness, symbolized by the Sun, Faith in Divinity, represented by the Moon, and Truth, signified by the Worshipful Master, is significant of one of the higher lessons of the "new birth."

That "the three burning tapers" are the lesser lights and represent the Sun, Moon, and Master of the Lodge, is doubtless the intent of the lesson and not that the latter, instead of the tapers, are lesser lights.

That the Master and Wardens, in certain ceremonies of Freemasonry, symbolize the Sun in its course from its rising in the East, dispelling darkness and gloom—its beauty and glory at high twelve, with its setting at close of day, is taught in its ritual; that the Master and Wardens are each represented by a burning taper, and that the symbolic colors of the East are white, representing divine wisdom; of the west, red, signifying divine love; and of the south, blue, symbolizing divine truth; are but a part of the higher or spiritual significations sought to be inculcated by the symbolism of the Master and Wardens.

Lodges, 503; members, 58,243; increase, 3,178.

Clifford G. Ballou (Toledo), G. M.

J. H. Bromwell (Cincinnati), G. S.

OKLAHOMA.

13th Communication, Guthrie, February 14, 1905.

J. Frank Mathews, G. M.

He reports fourteen new lodges. On the qualifications of a Master Bro. Mathews says:

A lodge cannot be too careful in selecting their Master. The success and progress of the lodge depend above all others upon the Master. He should be a man of intelligence, good judgment and of good executive ability. Before a brother should be elected to the worthy position of W. M. he should have a thorough knowledge of the ritual and unwritten work and should be well versed in the Constitution and previous decisions of the Grand Masters. How often do we see a man elected W. M. of the lodge merely because he happens to have been the S. W. without any other qualification or recommendation? I believe it would be to the best interest of the lodge to retain its Master, should he be qualified, for at least two years, and in cases where he shows exceptional ability he should be retained even longer. Should this rule be followed the lodge would be more ably governed and the Grand Master saved much work, and I am thoroughly satisfied that the very common custom of rotation in office should be dis-

carded and a brother should be elected W. M. solely upon his merit and qualification for the office.

The business transacted was entirely local in interest.
Lodges, 126; members, 5,976; increase, 823.
George H. Phillips (Pawnee), G. M.
J. S. Hunt (Guthrie), G. S.

OREGON.

54th Communication, Portland, June 15, 1904.
S. M. Yoran, G. M.

The address evidences a faithful performance of duty. He opened a new lodge at Sumpter, and while the dispensation was being read an actual count showed 105 Masons in the room. Bro. Yoran thinks that the time limit for jurisdiction over rejected candidates should be not over five years. On his visitations he says:

During the year I have visited nearly half the lodges in our Grand Jurisdiction. This has required all the time I could consistently devote to the work. Under our present system of instruction in the unwritten work of the fraternity by Grand Lecturers, some may be led to infer that a Grand Master's visits are no longer serviceable or desirable to the Craft. Such an inference is erroneous. In all the lodges I have had the pleasure of visiting, the conviction has been forced upon me that our brethren are disposed to enter heartily into a consideration of all the obligations that result from being a Mason. I could not escape the impression that it was my duty, so far as time and ability would permit, to awaken, if possible, a clearer understanding of the nature of our obligations, and the exalted character of the intellectual and moral philosophy taught in all our ceremonials, and displayed in mute symbolism. Many brethren are here with whom it was my pleasure to meet in their home lodge, and I hesitate not in saying that in those lodges we meet many of the most aggressive men in the commercial and social life of the community and the state.

The Custodian of the Work found a marked improvement in the work of the lodges as compared with previous visits. All seemed anxious to get the work just right.

In his review of Canada for 1903 Bro. J. M. Hodson has the following remarks anent the reports of our District Deputies, in which there is more truth than poetry:

The most cumbersome feature of their proceedings is the publishing in full the reports of the District Deputies, some of which are all right when they really have something to say, but a majority are only words, words and then some more

words until 247 closely printed pages were filled, and we doubt if there is a man living who ever read it all unless it is the proofreader. Just think, an average of nearly eighteen pages to the district. There would be a good opening for some fellow with a first-class condenser to get in some fine work.

Bro. Hodson does not agree with Bro. Robbins, of Georgia, in his views as to the recognition of Grand Lodges.

He does not seem to think that there is anything Masonic and sufficiently regular to be recognizable unless it has the full authority of the Grand Lodge of England evolved from King Athelstone down through the ages with a facsimile signature of authority and charter blown in the bottle. Hence he opposes successfully the recognition of such Grand Lodges as Costa Rica, Egypt or Sweden because a part or all of their lodges derived their first authority to organize from Scottish Rite sources. If the recognition of either by the Grand Lodge of Illinois was an essential to its existence or even a necessity to its success we should regard it as unfortunate. But as the situation is, we believing Masonry to be truly universal and the Scottish Rite being the only Masonry of many countries, and it being in all, each and every respect as legal and as truly Masonic as any York lodge on earth, we are in favor of recognition whenever the Ancient Craft degrees are segregated and formed into Grand Lodges. That is justice, and more it is the almost unanimous tendency and we hope to live long enough to witness the practical as well as the theoretical universality of the Fraternity.

Lodges, 105; members, 6,953; increase, 548.

Thomas Gray (Portland), G. M.

James F. Robinson (Eugene), G. S.

PENNSYLVANIA.

The most important additions to the library and museum during the year were the following:—

Letter from and signed by Brother George Washington (1792), which reads as follows:—

“To the Ancient York Masons of the Jurisdiction of Pennsylvania:—

“Gentlemen and Brothers: I received your kind congratulations with the purest sensations of fraternal affection—and from a heart deeply impressed with your generous wishes for my present and future happiness, I beg you to accept my thanks.

“At the same time I request you will be assured of my best wishes and earnest prayers for your happiness while you remain in this terrestrial mansion, and that we may hereafter

meet as brethren in the Eternal Temple of the Supreme Architect.

(Signed)

"G. Washington."

Official copy of the will of Brother Stephen Girard, with the signatures of the executors and register of wills, bound in full morocco and gilt.

The above were deposited by the Right Worshipful Grand Secretary, Brother William A. Sinn.

Masonic jewels, books, manuscripts, letters, etc., of Past Grand Master Brother Samuel C. Perkins.

Masonic jewels, medals, etc., of Past Master Brother Samuel I. Givin, of Roxborough Lodge, No. 135.

Masonic jewels and books of Past Grand High Priest Brother Richard M. Johnson.

Masonic jewel and apron of Past Master Brother Benjamin Karrick, of Montgomery Lodge, No. 19.

Apron of Brother George Ord, of Tun Tavern Lodge, Philadelphia (1754).

An elaborate Past Master's jewel, made of gold, silver and stones, of Past Master Brother John Bennett, of Benevolent Lodge, No. 142, New York (1839).

Silver repeating watch made in Geneva with Masonic emblems, and formerly owned by Brother Maxwell Summerville.

Programme of the dedication of the Masonic Temple, Chestnut street, June 24, 1811.

Curious circular announcing the exhibition of the Knights Templar degree at Lancaster, Pennsylvania, May 5, 1830. Tickets, 25c., to be had at the bar.

Copper-plate colored engraving, one of series entitled "Life in Philadelphia," showing two negroes in Masonic clothing discussing the Morgan episode (1828).

Polished onyx column surmounted with a key-stone made from the cover of the corner-stone of the Masonic Temple (1873), Philadelphia.

Forty-two certificates of various dates, from 1786 to 1842. Among these is a certificate by one of the celebrated engravers of the early part of last century (David Edwin). This is a very large certificate with Masonic figures, symbols, and emblems in line and stipple. Although this was printed in 1804, it is the only copy extant, and has excited much interest among collectors.

The collection of Masonic medals and Chapter pennies now amounts to 768 pieces.

The collection of Masonic china pitchers, plates, etc., now number 86 pieces.

The wood statues which were formerly in the main corridor have, owing to the alterations and redecoration of the corridor, been placed in the library. These statues were carved from solid blocks of wood by Christopher Rush, the celebrated wood carver of the early part of last century. They were formerly in Peale's Museum, and were taken by the Grand Lodge for arrears in rent in 1852, and placed in the Grand Lodge room in the Temple on Chestnut street, and after this present Temple was completed they were brought here.

Large white silk banner of the Washington Benevolent So-

clety of Philadelphia, with a fine portrait of Washington, in oil, after Stuart. Grand Lodge purchased the hall of this society in 1835.

This Grand Lodge holds Quarterly Communications. At the annual communication at Philadelphia on December 27, 1904, the Grand Master, Br. James W. Brown, delivered an excellent address, from which we make the following extracts:

The great prosperity of our subordinate lodges is attested by the large membership of a great many of them, principally those in the cities, and I have long felt that the true Masonic spirit would be more universal and Masonic intercourse more general if some lodges were not so large. It is impossible for the brethren to know one another in a lodge with a membership of four or five hundred, and I believe it would be better, when the lodges reach that number, if they would divide and start new lodges. It does not seem to be of any great importance to a lodge to attain an enormous membership, and certainly no member of any lodge has a right in any way to attempt to influence people to present their petitions to his lodge, unless they have signified a desire themselves.

It is a well-known fact, and should be patent to all Masons, that we in no measure throw our doors wide open to all seekers of the Masonic rites. Those who come within our portals should do so of their own free will and accord, and no temptation should be thrown in the way of novices who do not accede to this invariable rule.

The enforcement of the Ancient Usages, Customs and Landmarks of Freemasonry is part of the duty of the Grand Master. This responsibility has been placed upon me, and my regard for my duty, as well as my affection for my brethren, will compel me to use every effort to keep them pure and unchanged, and as they have been handed down to us by our predecessors of past ages.

It is not only my duty, but yours, who are members of our ancient Fraternity, to prevent the introduction of innovations, and it is also our duty to prevent the abolition or obliteration of any of the ancient symbols.

I have long felt that it is the tendency of the age to lose sight of some of these ancient symbols. I have particularly in mind that the letter "G" was declared, not many years ago, not to be a Masonic symbol in Pennsylvania.

With that decision I have long differed, and at this time I take the occasion to restore it to its proper place as a Masonic symbol, signifying God, or Geometry.

The letter "G" was conspicuous in the lodge room wherein I was made a Mason, and it remained there, unquestioned, for many years, and until the use of the room was abandoned.

In connection with the Compasses and the Square, emblematical of the Great Lights in Freemasonry, it has been the most common symbol of Freemasonry known. It is recognized by all of our sister jurisdictions in this country, and

was always embroidered on the apron of the Grand Master until after the decision affecting it was made.

A new development in the physical perfection dogma appears in one of the decisions of the Grand Master, which is that "a man with more than five toes on one foot and a man with two thumbs on one hand are physically disqualified." A deficiency in one or other of these important adjuncts might be some justification for exclusion, but a surplusage surely ought to count in favor of the applicant. He has all the physical qualifications that the law requires and more too. In fact, he could give pointers, both pedal and digital, to all the rest of the brethren. By all means, let him in.

Instruction was given during the year to 2,049 brethren, representing 243 lodges, a very material increase over the previous year.

Electioneering for office is to be reduced to a science, or possibly it may be abolished. The following resolution was adopted:

Resolved, That the manner in which the names of brethren who may be candidates for the station of Junior Grand Warden, and for the stations of the elective officers of the subordinate lodges, should be presented to the members for support be referred to and defined by the Committee on Landmarks, which shall make a report thereon at the quarterly communication in March next.

In reply to a remark of Bro. Vanderlieth, of Nevada, about honest parents, Bro. James M. Lamberton has the following:

This sounds very well, but it does not apply. Freemasonry is not Christianity. Our brother seems to think that if a brother had served the Grand Lodge as a faithful and distinguished brother, and that if that brother's father some day should be found to be a defaulter, the son could not be made Grand Master! We do not so understand the regulations. We fail to see how an illegitimate person can be "descended of honest parents." We regard legitimacy of birth on a par with freedom of birth. We are aware that the Grand Lodge of England in 1847 changed "freeborn" to "free agent," or "freeman," as it is now in the form of application or "declaration," printed in the Constitutions (edition of 1884) of that Grand Lodge to-day, although "freedom" is still printed in the "ancient charges" at page 6, but we do not think that that body had any right so to do. We regard it as a violation of the landmark. We can understand the appeal to sentiment which was made by the Earl of Zetland, the Grand Master at that time, but if sentiment is to prevail, we may as well abandon Masonry.

Canada for 1904 has fraternal mention.
Lodges, 447; members, 67,706; increase, 4,609.
James W. Brown (Philadelphia), G. M.
William A. Sinn (Philadelphia), G. S.

PRINCE EDWARD ISLAND.

29th Communication, Charlottetown, June 24, 1904.
Benjamin Rogers, G. M.

Peace and prosperity reign in their beloved island.
The Grand Master visited all the lodges except one, and he says that they had a happy and fairly prosperous year.

The Grand Lecturer reported as follows:

The appointment of a Grand Lecturer, ever since I have been connected with this Grand Lodge, has merely been a matter of form; no lodge, as far as I am aware, ever having requested his services, and no report from the Grand Lecturer ever having been presented.

The position of Grand Lecturer is, if properly attended to, the most arduous and responsible in the Grand Lodge.

It is his duty, when requested by the Grand Lodge or Grand Master, to visit the subordinate lodges and report any deviation from the ancient landmarks or the established ritual that he may observe, also to instruct the officers of such lodges as may request his services in the mode of working approved of by the Grand Lodge.

When the M. W. Grand Master honored me with the appointment last year I determined to do what I could to bring before Grand Lodge the different methods of conferring the several degrees as at present practised by the lodges in this jurisdiction, with a view to having uniformity in all degree work.

To this end, at the request of our M. W. Grand Master, I have accompanied him on as many of his official visits as I possibly could, and have taken notes of the way in which each lodge worked the degree exemplified for us, and particularly noted the parts where there was the greatest diversity in operation.

As, personally, I have not seen a degree exemplified in Grand Lodge, and as we have no ritual, I was in some cases not able to decide which method was correct, and so have made out a list of questions that cannot be embodied in this report and on which I will ask Grand Lodge to pass a vote as a guide to my successor in office.

He also recommended that a degree should be exemplified at each meeting of Grand Lodge. It was agreed that the work should be exemplified at next meeting of Grand Lodge, or at an earlier date, so that proper authority should be given to the Grand Lecturer for lodge instruction.

Lodges, 14; members, 604; decrease, 2.
Benjamin Rogers (Charlottetown), G. M.
Neil McKelvie (Summerside), G. S.

QUEBEC.

35th Communication, Montreal, January 25, 1905.

John B. Tressider, G. M.

The Grand Master reports that the past year has been the best in the history of the Grand Lodge, the accounts from the various districts are all replete with optimism, and the financial and numerical strength of the lodges have been substantially increased.

Bro. Tressider visited the Grand Lodges of Canada and New Brunswick and expresses in glowing terms the cordiality with which he was received.

In the report on the address we find the following:

Grand Lodge has undoubtedly listened with much gratification to the Grand Master's references to those truly Masonic ornaments, Benevolence and Charity. Most commendable, indeed, is the spirit referred to by the Grand Master, in the suggestion of some of the lodges to voluntarily increase their contribution to the Permanent Benevolent Fund. To be sharers in the promises belonging to cheerful givers is to be richly rewarded indeed. To experience and to enjoy the happiness and the blessedness of the giving that involves some self-sacrifice on the part of the giver is itself an ample reward. And your committee realizes the intimate connection between the increasing prosperity of the Craft in this jurisdiction and its recent establishment of the Permanent Benevolent Fund. In his recognition of the services rendered to the Craft by the trustees of this fund we feel the Grand Master has voiced the sentiments of this Grand Lodge.

The generosity of those brethren owning capital stock of the building in which we are now meeting, who have expressed their readiness to present it to this Grand Lodge for the purpose of aiding to make it its property, is worthy of all commendation; and we recommend that the Grand Master's suggestion for the appointment of a committee to act as trustees in the premises, be acted upon, and that he be and is hereby requested to appoint such a committee.

The application for recognition of the Grand Lodge of Queensland was refused on the ground that a majority of the lodges in that jurisdiction did not join in the movement. It is also said that this is one of the essential conditions to the regular establishment of a new Grand Lodge, and that "this condition is of almost universal acceptance." These surprising statements are so directly

contrary to all our preconceived ideas about the formation of new Grand Lodges that we had to rub our eyes and look again. We have always been taught that any three regular lodges in territory in which there was no Grand Lodge could meet and form themselves into a Grand Lodge whether they constituted a majority of the lodges or not. It is not at all an essential condition that a majority of the lodges must join in the movement, nor is this condition of almost universal acceptance. It is, of course, very convenient to have a majority, but it is not essential. Quebec had it when they were organized, but we doubt if they considered it essential. They would probably have gone on just the same with a minority, and they would have been quite right in so doing.

A committee was appointed to procure a testimonial to commemorate the completion of the twenty-fifth year of faithful service of M. W. Bro. Isaac H. Stearns as Grand Treasurer.

In the introduction to his annual report Bro. E. T. D. Chambers has the following on the Congress at Brussels:

A careful perusal of the report of the proceedings—printed in the French language—of the so-called International Masonic Congress, held in 1904 at Brussels, leaves no room whatever for any doubt as to the wisdom of the Grand Lodges of all English speaking countries in abstaining from taking any part therein; not by any means that we believe in lingual any more than in national or religious dividing lines in Masonry, but because it is impossible for those who hold to the fundamental principles upon which legitimate Freemasonry is established, to recognize the legitimacy of many of those who took part in the Congress in question. As is generally known, this Congress was a continuation of that which sat at Geneva in 1902. The report of its proceedings reveals so high a standard of philosophic and historical research and study concerning Masonic and kindred sciences in many of the European lodges represented at the Congress, that one is inclined to blush for the comparatively insignificant amount of such work undertaken by Canadian and American lodges; and even, except in a few isolated cases, by individual members of the same.

How impossible it would be for British or North American Masonry to be represented at such a Congress as that of Brussels is shown by the fact that the unmasonic tenets of the Grand Orient of France were openly promulgated thereat without eliciting any dissent. This is scarcely surprising when it is recalled that almost all the so-called Masonic bodies represented were Orientals of Latin origin, including those of France, Belgium, Spain and Italy, and Supreme Councils of Greece, Belgium, Switzerland, Spain, Mexico and Brazil.

FOREIGN CORRESPONDENCE.

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Canada for 1904 receives kindly mention.
Lodges, 57; members, 4,709; increase, 275.
David A. Manson (Mansonville), G. M.
Will. H. Whyte (Montreal), G. S.

QUEENSLAND.

A convention of delegates was held in Brisbane, March 23, 1904, at which there were present 62 delegates, representing 37 lodges, 23 holding warrants from the Grand Lodge of Ireland and 14 from the Grand Lodge of Scotland. None of the English lodges were represented.

Some of the reasons for the formation of the new Grand Lodge are given in the address of the chairman, Bro. A. M. Hertzburg:

It is well known that for a period of over forty years Masonry in this State has been represented by three divisions, viz., the Grand Lodges of England, Ireland, and Scotland. There can be no doubt that each one of these three bodies started out upon their career with the truest feelings of Masonry, in order to accomplish the good that lies within the Craft and to which they intended to give full expression by deeds as well as by words, in their own onward career. I ask you, brethren, what has been the result? After a lapse of a lifetime what have any one of the three Constitutions, or the three Constitutions together, to show as a landmark to the outer world, or to our children, whom we hope to imbue with the spirit that pervades Masons, to justify their existence? It is true that individual lodges and District Grand Lodges have from time to time given relief to a few necessitous brethren and have helped the wanderer on his way, but I ask you, brethren, is that all that we exist for, or is that our only function as Masons? It is certainly one of them, but we have other and greater functions which are practically hopeless of accomplishment under three distinct jurisdictions among such a small population as ours.

Leaving this matter on one side for a moment, I would also point out what has been the dire result of three jurisdictions. It is well known to many of you, brethren, that instead of the healthy rivalry guided by the true Masonic spirit which should pervade all Masons, and which should have existed among the various Constitutions, we have developed a system which we can only compare to that of hucksters endeavoring to outbid each other for the wares which they have to offer. Lodges have been multiplied to an extent which the population never warranted; men who should never have been admitted into the fold of Masonry at all, and who were refused by one Constitution, have been able to gain admission into another, and to such an extent has this sort of thing progressed that it is within the knowledge of many of us that men are actually being admitted into the Craft on the system of time payment

for their initiation fees ; that small communities whose numbers do hardly warrant the existence of one lodge have two, and what is worse still, that these two are almost at daggers drawn and will not even meet within the same walls, but have separate buildings to meet in. If anything were needed to bring contempt upon the Craft, surely, brethren, this sort of thing is bound to bring it, and if the outer world has not that regard for members of the Craft, which our noble teachings and the lives of the majority of our members warrant, it is not to be wondered at)? Masons are like all other minorities in a community : they are viewed with suspicion, and, like those minorities, they have the extra burden of not being judged by their best, but by their worst. A good Mason, if known to the outer world at all, is held to be a man who is just as he ought to be, but the bad one is taken, not as an excrescence of Masonry, but as a natural growth.

We know that in England, Ireland and Scotland, and in other parts of the world where there is unity of spirit and unity of effort, though irregularities may creep in, such scandals as have unfortunately appertained to some of the doings of Masons in Queensland could not possibly be perpetuated.

Again, those splendid examples of what Masonry should be and what it was instituted for, have practical proofs in the splendid institutions which have been established, and which demonstrate to all the utility of the Craft and the powerful factor for good that it is in the world. They have homes for destitute Masons wherein a brother is cared for without feeling under the least obligation for his necessities being relieved by his own brethren, and where the comfort necessary for a decaying Mason is administered with a brotherly hand and a free will; whilst we here are only to give temporary relief, and the alternative presenting itself for a decayed Mason is public charity as offered by such institutions as Dunwich. Again, look at the noble institutions for caring for the sons and daughters of deceased Masons? These in themselves are monuments that all Masons may be proud of, but withal, in the whole of Australia, though desire may have been strong, nothing has so far been accomplished in that direction.

Beyond that, there is also the duty which devolves upon Masons to look after their brethren in sickness, and though our numbers in Queensland are not sufficiently large to warrant even an attempt at a special institution or hospital for that purpose, yet I take it, it would be to the glory of the Craft and to the honor of Masons had either of the three Grand Lodges holding sway in this State for so long (and some having control of large sums of money), seen fit to endow two or three beds in our General Hospital which should be specially reserved for Masons.

These three objects, then, viz., "A Home for destitute brethren," "A fatherly care for the orphans of deceased brethren," and "A brotherly care for sick brethren," are aims which I hope the new Grand Lodge will set itself, and which are only possible of accomplishment if all the Masons of Queensland were united in one grand body for that purpose.

It is matters such as these, of true charity and of the proper warranty for our existence as a separate body, which have been the guiding motives in the present movement, as well as in the two previous attempts which unfortunately failed, and in addition it will give us absolute control over all Masons in this State and enable us to avoid anything and everything which may be a discredit to the Craft and thwart its progress towards that goal which we as Masons have set ourselves.

A detailed report of the proceedings of the Provisional Committee was read, after which a resolution was unanimously adopted that a Grand Lodge of Queensland should be formed.

The time for organization was fixed for April 25, 1904, and on that date 39 lodges were represented by 70 delegates.

The Constitution of New South Wales was adopted with certain changes, Grand Officers were elected, and the new body formally established.

A special communication was held at Brisbane, October 29, 1904, at which the officers were installed by the Grand Master of New South Wales, Bro. John C. Remington.

In the installation address Bro. Remington gives his reasons for recognition, in part as follows:

I realize fully our responsibility in so doing, for I have no doubt time will prove in this instance, as it has already done in two other of the Australasian Masonic territories where Sovereign Grand Lodges have been established, that the other Grand Lodges of the world will rely to a great extent upon New South Wales to have duly considered the circumstances with a full knowledge of the facts before she granted recognition. (Applause.) If not incumbent on me, it is therefore at all events desirable, that I should, as briefly as possible, set forth the considerations which guided us in thus deciding. We had to be assured that a reasonable proportion of the lodges already existing in Queensland had joined in the establishment of a Grand Lodge. How many this should be is one of the arguable points which the circumstances of each case must decide. We should hardly have been disposed to act upon the late Dr. Mackey's well known dictum that "three lodges are sufficient," unless, indeed, they were the only ones existing in the territory. But, on the other hand, we decline to agree with the assertion that there must be an absolute majority of the existing lodges in agreement to establish a Grand Lodge, and still less with the contention that there must be a majority of those holding under each constitution. (Applause.) The former condition would probably, and the latter almost certainly, prevent the establishment of any more new Grand Lodges anywhere.

What we had to decide was whether, seeing that thirty-nine lodges had actually declared the Grand Lodge formed, their

proceedings had been according to Masonic precedent, and, further, seemed likely to lead to more complete union of the Craft in Queensland. Comparison of the facts with experiences of the past having satisfied us on both points, we granted recognition, and I gladly accepted your Grand Master's invitation to perform the duty of installing him to-night. (Applause.) It is a pity the mother Grand Lodges, from which your lodges derived their origin, have not been unanimous in their decisions upon your appeal for recognition; but this was hardly to be expected; nor need it discourage you, for recognition is sure to follow sooner or later, when you prove to them your strength and worthiness. (Applause.) It is not to be wondered at that the Grand Lodge of Ireland—which, by the way, I have the honor to represent in New South Wales—should have approved the new departure, because your Grand Master had dutifully asked her advice as to whether his position as Provincial Grand Master precluded him from heading, or even joining in, the movement in favor of autonomy.

It should be clearly understood, at least so I understand it, that you did not in any way ask "permission" to form a Grand Lodge, because that could neither be given nor refused, nor did the Grand Lodge of Ireland arrogate any such power to herself. Her views were admirably set forth by the Deputy Grand Master, my very valued friend and brother, Sir James Meredith, at the annual meeting on St. John's Day, the 26th December last, and his words have been already quoted to you by your Grand Master in his address after his election. In pursuance of her desire to foster in every way the formation of independent Grand Lodges in British colonies, the Grand Lodge of Ireland expressed not only willingness, but anxiety, that the Grand Lodge of Queensland should be established, provided only that the proper steps were taken in order that the Grand Lodge might be founded with all essential ceremonies and safeguards. (Applause.) I have no doubt that when the full report of to-night's proceedings reach Dublin the ruling powers will be more than satisfied that all things have been done decently and in order. (Loud applause.)

The answer from the Grand Lodge of England is not favorable; how could it be? I beg you not to be discouraged by the fact that the Grand Master, H. R. H. the Duke of Connaught, does not at present see fit to ask his Grand Lodge to extend recognition to you. The position taken by England towards Queensland is exactly the same as it was towards New South Wales over a quarter of a century ago, when the first Grand Lodge established in Australasia appealed for recognition and the District Grand Master under the English Constitution protested. The reply he received from the Grand Secretary of England was, "So long as you desire it, you will receive all the support which this Grand Lodge can afford." I deduced from that at the time, and I was then and continued for ten years afterwards a loyal member under the English Constitution, that the converse held true—namely, that the moment the lodges felt strong enough to walk alone,

the Mother Grand Lodge would say "Go in peace" without attempting any restrictive measures or resorting to threats of which nothing ought to be heard in Freemasonry. (Hear, hear, and applause.)

The case here is almost exactly parallel. The lodges under the English Constitution have, as we had in New South Wales, a venerable District Grand Master, universally respected by the Craft—(hear, hear)—who is naturally not in favor of any alteration of the status quo; and the Worshipful Masters and members of his lodges are equally naturally indisposed to do anything having even the appearance of disloyalty to their aged chief, whatever may be their private opinions as to the value and importance of a union of the Craft. Well, to you, and to them, and to all interested in the welfare of Freemasonry, my word to-night is—

Wait! my faith is large in time
And that which shapes it to some perfect end.

Bro. Remington also said that "one may be pardoned wondering why two of the greatest of all Grand Lodges should not be kindly disposed towards the honest and natural desires of lodges in distant parts of the empire for autonomy in Masonic government, just as they practically have it in the State."

In the address of the Grand Master we find the following:

As a matter of fact, and as I think most of you know—at any rate those who have taken leading parts in the formation of this Grand Lodge know—that of the 62 or 63 English lodges not a single lodge ever discussed the matter until, at any rate, after the formation of the Grand Lodge on the 25th April last. They were not allowed to discuss it except by dispensation, such dispensation being offered to them under almost impossible conditions. The 62 or 63 Scottish lodges were absolutely debarred under threat of suspension—(applause)—but still 14 of these lodges did discuss it, and I think in every lodge where it was discussed they joined in forming this Grand Lodge. (Applause.) The 26 Irish lodges were allowed to discuss it freely, because I, as the Provincial Grand Master of that Constitution, held that a matter so important, so vital to Freemasonry in Queensland as the establishment of a Grand Lodge should be thoroughly discussed by the brethren, and discussed in the only place where it is competent to discuss it—in the lodge itself. (Applause.) Those 26 Irish lodges discussed the matter freely and voluntarily and they passed the necessary resolution for forming this Grand Lodge. (Applause.)

A banquet followed the very interesting ceremonies, and in one of his speeches Bro. Remington emphasized *one of the delicate points of the situation* in this wise:

It is an utter misconception of the case to say that 118 lodges in Queensland have refused to join this movement. Refused—why, they have not been allowed to refuse or assent. (Loud applause.) It is perfectly true that, under the famous clause 218a of the Constitutions, which was passed to deal with the establishment of Grand Lodges by daughter lodges in other parts of the world, the District Grand Master has power to issue dispensations to lodges to meet and discuss the question, but he has also the power to say the way in which it is to be done. The District Grand Master, under the English Constitution here, has acted perfectly within his rights. The Constitution is a very broad one, and it empowers the District Grand Master to impose whatever conditions he thinks fit for the holding of these meetings. The conditions which he has imposed, whether unwittingly or otherwise, remind me very much of a great election battle in the land from which the Chaplain and myself derive our origin. The chairman, after the candidate had delivered a glowing oration, inquired, "Would any gentleman like to ask the candidate a question?" One of the free and independent electors arose and asked a question which it was rather indiscreet to answer. The moment the question was asked a member of the committee smote him on the head with a shillalah, and he subsided on the floor, whereupon the chairman blandly inquired, "Would any other gentleman like to ask a question?" (Laughter.) Now, brethren, that is not my idea of Freemasonry—(laughter)—or of free and independent discussion. As I said to you to-night, I did not think your meeting in 1889 was premature, nor do I think so now. In delving among my archives—and I suppose I have as complete a record of the past events in Masonry as anybody in New South Wales—I came across a letter which was written to me by a Wor. brother—whom I am disappointed not to see here to-night—who was one of the foremost movers in the attempt to bring about a union in 1889. He wrote to me about the matter then: "You will be glad to know that the meeting came off well—216 present—result, 209 ayes and 7 noes—54 I. C., 68 S. C., and 64 E. C." Why did nothing come of this? The hour had come, but not the man. Well, you have got the man now. (Applause.) Brethren, give him your support.

George S. Hutton (Brisbane), G. M.
Charles H. Harley (Brisbane), G. S.

RHODE ISLAND.

114th Communication, Providence, May 16, 1904.
William H. Walker, G. M.

Harmony and good fellowship appear to have prevailed among the Craft generally, and wherever difficulties have arisen they have been met, almost without exception, by an apparent determination to adjust them in a manner best calculated to redound to the credit of Masonry.

On clandestine lodges the Grand Master says:

During the past year parties from without the State, claiming authority from unexisting sources, have visited this city and have been actively engaged in the formation of so-called Masonic lodges. That their unworthy efforts have met with some degree of success, and that they have found some unfortunate dupes, cannot be denied. So far as I can learn, their work has been confined almost entirely to a class of people who are ignorant of the methods pursued by regular Craftsmen, and by reason of this ignorance some have yielded to the misrepresentations made and have purchased what they believed to be the rights and privileges of Masonry. While this invasion of our jurisdiction by such disreputable parties engaged in so dishonest a business can do no harm to our Fraternity, yet I feel that the Craft throughout the State should be cautioned, as a representative of this clandestine class might attempt to visit a lodge of regular Masons. It might be well for this Grand Body to instruct the Masters of subordinate lodges to demand certificates from all visiting strangers who are not properly avouched. This matter I leave in your hands for consideration.

On the same subject the following was adopted:

Ordered, That a subordinate lodge shall not examine any person presenting himself as a visitor unless he shall exhibit a diploma or certificate bearing the seal of a Grand Lodge recognised by this Grand Lodge, showing his membership in a regular subordinate lodge.

The Grand Lodge of Western Australia was recognized.

At the dedication of a Masonic hall in Wakefield, the eulogy on Masonry was delivered by the Grand Chaplain, Bro. Henry W. Rugg, and it was doubly interesting from the fact that he performed a similar service at the dedication of the first Masonic hall in Wakefield, thirty-two years before. We quote a few paragraphs:

Sometimes I ask myself what constitutes the real charm of Freemasonry which I have felt and known for almost fifty years. I cannot define it. I cannot explain it; but I know that Freemasonry has had a blessed power in my heart and on my life. Somehow or other it took firm hold of my affections and sympathies at the time I was admitted to the Fraternity. It has been a force of inspiration and help to me all along life's way from that time until now. I am glad and grateful that I have been privileged to walk in its light and fellowship for almost a half century, and that out of my experience I can testify all so heartily to its power and to its worth.

First of all, brethren, let us consider that ours is a unique institution. Freemasonry stands in a class by itself. It does not assimilate with or shape its course by the numerous

philanthropic societies of the present day. Against these associations and fraternities I have no word of adverse criticism to offer ; but I venture to affirm that the Masonic institution would lose much of its ancient prestige, much of its peculiar charm, by copying the methods of these other societies and following their order of procedure. Strength would depart from it, thus to assimilate or to imitate.

To modernise the Masonic system and organization, as some have proposed, would be to weaken its vitality and abridge its usefulness. Remove its ancient landmarks ; abolish its primitive forms ; make it over in ritual and ceremony ; in order to bring it into accord with some modern society, and its days would be numbered. It is healthy and strong to-day because of its individuality—because it occupies a unique and distinctive position—because a wise conservatism still holds the institution within appointed metes and bonds and inculcates respect for old-time laws and traditions.

So long as such intelligent conservatism shall govern the Craft—so long as the revolutionary tendencies which occasionally appear within the lines of the Fraternity are firmly resisted—so long as the ancient landmarks have the respect of brethren generally, just so long will this venerable institution of ours have a mission among men and be equipped with an adequate power for the accomplishment of that benign mission.

Lodges, 38 ; members, 6,091 ; increase, 208.

James E. Tillinghast (Providence), G. M.

S. Penrose Williams (Providence), G. S.

SCOTLAND.

Quarterly Communication, Edinburgh, May 5, 1904.

J. D. G. Dalrymple, Grand Master Depute, presiding.

A new district was erected, to be called The District Grand Lodge of Hong Kong and South China.

Charters were granted to new lodges in Queensland, Western Australia, Transvaal and Natal.

There was laid before the meeting an appeal by Brother Alexander F. Mackenzie, Past Master of Lodge St. Mary's Caledonia Operative, Inverness, No. 339, against the finding of the Provincial Grand Lodge of Invernessshire, in rejecting an appeal by him against the following resolution passed by Lodge No. 339 : "That it be remitted to the Standing Committee to enquire into the frequent rejection of worthy candidates for admission to this lodge."

The committee having considered the whole matter is of opinion that the motion as it stands is a competent one, and accordingly recommends Grand Committee to dismiss the appeal.

Report approved.

The Master and Wardens of Lodge Fergusson St. James.

Dailly, No. 566, were in attendance, as per order of Grand Committee of date 21st April, 1904, in connection with breach of rule anent interval between degrees.

After explanations and expressions of regret by these brethren, it was agreed to refrain from suspending the lodge, but that the representatives be severely admonished from the chair. On this being communicated to them the representatives of the lodge thanked Grand Committee for the leniency shown them and promised a strict obedience to the Constitution and Laws in the future.

A breach of the same rule by Lodge St. Andrew, Cambeltoun, No. 601, was remitted to the Provincial Grand Master of Invernesshire for enquiry and report, with powers.

A list of extinct and dormant lodges was ordered to be incorporated in the forthcoming edition of the Constitution.

The Articles of Recognition of the Grand Lodge of New Zealand were adjusted.

A number of brethren were suspended for joining in the formation of the new Grand Lodge of Queensland. This is the sort of thing that reminds me of Mrs. Partington trying to drive back with her broom the waves of the stormy Atlantic. In communities where men's minds are their own, and are permitted to do their own thinking, when they make up their minds that they want self-government, either in civil matters or in Masonic matters, they are going to have it, and not all the suspensions or edicts or any other such futile measures are going to affect the result. When the children get old enough and smart enough to keep house for themselves the parents should recognize the situation and bid them God speed instead of blustering and snarling because they cannot have their own way all the time.

On the Annuity Fund there are 167 annuitants in 435 lodges, receiving in all £1,745 per annum.

March 23, 1905:

It was unanimously agreed to appoint a special committee to meet the Grand Lodges of England and Ireland in order that joint action might be taken respecting the recognition in the respective jurisdictions, of decrees of suspension, exclusion and expulsion; as to the status and rights of Masters and Past Masters in the several jurisdictions; and as to the recognition of new Grand Lodges in the colonies or territories where the Three Grand Lodges exercise concurrent jurisdiction.

Hon. Charles M. Ramsay, G. M.
David Reid (Edinburgh), G. S.

SOUTH AUSTRALIA.

Annual Communication, Adelaide, April 20, 1904.

Sir S. J. Way, G. M.

His Excellency Sir George R. LeHunte, who is a member of the Craft, was, upon his arrival to assume the government of the State, presented with an address of welcome by the M. W. the Grand Master and Grand Officers on behalf of the members of the Craft in this jurisdiction. His Excellency was pleased to make most gracious acknowledgment of the same, and to express his esteem and admiration for Freemasonry.

The Grand Inspector and his deputy visited a large number of the lodges and found the work carried on in a most creditable manner.

The Grand Secretary was absent through illness. The Grand Lodge gave him a bonus and three months' leave of absence to visit New Zealand to recruit.

Lodges, 44; members, 2,760; increase, 4.

Sir S. J. Way (Adelaide), G. M.

J. H. Cunningham (Adelaide), G. S.

SOUTH DAKOTA.

30th Communication, Yankton, June 14, 1904.

Byron P. Dague, G. M.

The Grand Master had a busy year. Three new lodges were formed. Peace and prosperity continue to prevail. The Grand Lecturer visited 54 lodges and the Grand Master thinks that if his services can be retained it will not be long before they have perfect uniformity in the work.

The Grand Lodge Library has been removed to Sioux Falls and is now in good shape.

In his review of Canada for 1903 Bro. Samuel A. Brown has the following on Belgium:

The Grand Lodge of Canada is in fraternal relation with Belgium, and has for Grand Representative near Belgium the man whose utterance to the effect that a belief in Deity is not exacted from candidates for initiation cannot be said yet to have been denied. We hope that our Canadian brethren will get a statement from Brother Houzeau de la Hale which will set the matter at rest.

We might say to Bro. Brown that we are trying to, but in all probability will not succeed.

Lodges, 103; members, 5,710; increase, 266.

Ivan W. Goodner (Pierre), G. M.

George A. Pettigrew (Sioux Falls), G. S.

TASMANIA.

Annual Communication, Launceston, February 24, 1905.

Hon. C. F. Davies, G. M.

On the making of new members Bro. Davies has the following good advice:

It is very essential in connection with the formation of new lodges, and the acquisition of members, that I should again emphasize the importance of circumspection in the proposal and election of candidates. In doing so I should like to premise that, though my remarks are not at the present time suggested by any abuse or want of consideration of members, still to be forewarned is to be forearmed. Although no eligible or worthy person should be precluded from becoming a Mason, his circumstances in life should justify a brother before accepting the responsibility of proposing him. The preliminary expenses which must be incurred, and the regular contributions to the lodges and other small calls, at times encroach unduly upon one's resources. To my mind, therefore, before proposing a candidate for Freemasonry Masons should indicate the prospective liability to those seeking admission to our Order. Ignorance of these facts is injurious to the Order, and cases have occasionally been brought under notice of the ill effects resulting therefrom. It is my duty, therefore, to urge upon the brethren prudence, to avoid placing a worthy man at a disadvantage through his being called upon to draw upon a limited income to keep in compliance with the rules of the Craft. Were this more generally considered the applications upon our benevolent fund would, I feel assured, be materially reduced, and we should be better able to assist the unfortunate who have always a strong claim upon our sympathy. I am hopeful that the gravity of the position will be impressed upon all of us, whose one desire is to see the healthy growth of the Order.

I regard Freemasonry as a luxury rather than a necessity—for, though it may be a means to an end, the opportunities of promoting the great principles of the Order are not confined to the members of the Craft, though the influences of the Order doubtless prove a great incentive to the practice of those qualities which are so prominently inculcated in all our ceremonies. The desire to become a Mason is a most laudable one, and the fact that our beloved King and members of the royal family, as well as some of the most eminent and distinguished men of the age and prominent citizens, are patrons and honored members of the Order, doubtless influences others to join the brotherhood, which at the present time constitutes the oldest, the most influential and philanthropical institution the world has known.

The Grand Inspectors report that the ceremonial work has been *carried out with zealous proficiency and harmony*

between the lodges and amongst the brethren has been well maintained.

Our representative is R. W. Bro. H. J. Wise, of Hobart, their Grand Treasurer, and their representative is R. W. Bro. Alfred F. Webster, of Toronto, P.D.D.G.M.

The rank of Past Grand Warden was conferred upon the Grand Secretary.

On his re-election for the tenth time the Grand Master was presented with a Past Grand Master's jewel.

Lodges, 28; membership not given.

Hon. C. E. Davies, M. L. C. (Hobart), G. M.

John Hamilton (Hobart), G. S.

TENNESSEE.

91st Communication, Nashville, January 25, 1905.

James L. Sloan, G. M.

The Grand Master reports the Craft in excellent condition. He made 182 visits. Starting with an erroneous conception of the duties of the Grand Master at his official visits, Bro. Sloan speedily found out his mistake and placed himself on the right track:

In the earlier part of my visitations I tried to assist in the conferring of degrees. The result was that the entire time of the visit was taken up in degree work. Some lodges thinking the Grand Master should have plenty to do on his visit, when they received notice of his coming asked for special dispensations to confer degrees out of time so as he could get a job. I soon refused to do or assist in degree work. Sometimes the lodge, having no candidate, actually used a "dummy" to show the visitor how they could do the work if they only had a genuine candidate. I finally said in my notices of visits that no degree work should be done. I found that talking on matters of great Masonic interest entertained the members on the visits much more than degree work. I followed this course—the result must answer whether it was wise or not.

We also quote the following:

One hundred and five lodges were visited that never had a Grand Master to enter their lodge room before. Five of these made voluntary "thank offerings" to the Widows' and Orphans' Endowment Fund in commemoration of the event.

I have noticed in many lodges that I visited, a clan or set of brothers, who appear to be more closely attached to each other than the rest of the members. This class bears many names. By some of their brothers they are called "a clique," by others "the ring," but most generally they are called "the gang." This "gang" is the life of the lodge. It is at every

meeting of the lodge. It confers the degrees. It attends the funerals of the dead brothers. It visits the sick. It is active, pushing, vigorous, zealous and bright in the lectures. It is charitable to almost the extreme. It is not despondent or gloomy. It has no bitterness or venom. Now, strange to say, this "gang" is bitterly opposed in every lodge in which it exists. Some oppose every measure it advocates; they seem to see something wrong in every movement it favors. No matter what the "gang" is for, these others are "agin it," they will not attend the rehearsals of the work and lectures of the "gang," because they want to make changes and innovations, is the excuse. They grumble and howl at the "gang" and think it is dangerous and will bear watching. My observation and experience leads me to wish that these "gangs" may increase in numbers and membership. Brother, are you a member of the "gang?" If not, let me beg of you to stop snarling and grumbling at what it does but go and join the "gang."

The following report was adopted:

While upon the subject of rulings the committee unanimously and emphatically approve the Grand Master's recommendation that, for the protection and relief of the Grand Master, the declaration of the Grand Lodge made in 1869 be now placed in the permanent form of an edict, as follows:

"The Grand Master shall not make an official ruling except upon such questions as actually exist before some subordinate lodge which shall have been certified to him by such lodge or the Master thereof."

This edict, of course, is not to be construed as forbidding the Grand Master to give advice and counsel, whenever he may choose to do so. Its object is, and its effects should be, confined to the terms used. Its purpose is to prevent the opinion of the Grand Master on suppositious cases, often put before him merely to gratify curiosity or to settle a private contention on abstract Masonic law. It is hoped thus to confine decisions to actual cases, and for this it is recommended as an edict.

The Endowment Fund of the Home now amounts to over \$17,000. There are 128 inmates, and the per capita cost amounts to \$88.37.

Bro. Henry A. Chambers reports on Correspondence and reviews Canada for 1904.

Lodges, 430; members, 19,420; increase, 915.

James W. Irwin (Savannah), G. M.

John B. Garrett (Nashville), G. S.

UTAH.

34th Communication, Ogden, January 17, 1905.

Richard L. Conely, G. M.

Harmony prevails and the quality of the material offered is closely scanned.

Porto Rico was recognized and the application of Queensland was postponed.

The Grand Lecturer is required to spend three days with each lodge in the jurisdiction teaching the standard work.

A proposition to allow the Past Masters of each lodge one vote in Grand Lodge was defeated.

The report on Correspondence is again by the Grand Secretary and reviews Canada for 1904.

Lodges, 11; members, 1213; increase, 62.

Charles S. Varian (Salt Lake City), G. M.

Christopher Diehl (Salt Lake City), G. S.

VERMONT.

111th Communication, Burlington, June 15, 1904.

Olin W. Daley, G. M.

On the condition of the Craft he says:

From the information which has been given me in my various visitations and through the medium of correspondence, combined with the reports of the District Deputies and the annual returns of the lodges to the Grand Secretary, I find that the condition of the Craft in this jurisdiction is very satisfactory and prosperous. While it is true that some of the lodges are not as prosperous as I would wish, yet the average is such as to be a source of much congratulation.

Nothing to my knowledge has occurred with perhaps the exception of some minor differences which occasionally arise in some of the subordinate lodges, and which are generally of a local character, to disturb the activity, zeal, progress and harmony of our fraternity within our own borders.

Under their system of instruction the work of the Grand Lecturer is confined mainly to the district meetings, while the District Deputies attend to the individual lodges. Bro. Tillotson held 14 district meetings, which were "well attended, interesting, instructive and impressive, as well as socially successful."

In his review of Indiana Bro. Marsh O. Perkins has the following:

His exposition of the skeleton in the closet is rich and racy, even if of hideous proportions, and his plaintive query as to what is the lawful work of the jurisdiction is suggestive of the story of the boy who never had a mother. The "Webb work" is supposed to be the authorized standard, and a Master finds he must conform to it; that Webb probably never

had a work, and if he did the Master is prohibited by the law of Grand Lodge from having it in his possession; that there is no authorized version of the "Webb work" in the archives, and if there was Grand Lodge would have no right to do it. There you have it in a nut-shell. If Grand Lodge has an authorized work it doesn't know it. It hasn't it doesn't know that either. His experience during the year had led him to believe that conditions were even worse than reported by Grand Master Holloway. "Many of the officers of lodges are timid," and during inspection naturally disclosed "as little of the evil practices prevailing," ritualistically speaking, "as was possible to appease their consciences." "In all candor," cries the Grand Master, "is it not time for this Grand Lodge to publish and control its own ritual in order to remedy this evil?"

In answer to his own question, he recommends that Grand Lodge adopt as the authorized ritual of the jurisdiction, the one presented in 1902 by the Committee on Rituals; that a copy of the same be preserved in the archives of Grand Lodge, and edicts prohibiting cipher codes be amended so as not to include the official ritual. An attempt was made to drag the skeleton back into the closet by instructing the Grand Secretary to omit all reference to work "contained in the Grand Master's address or in the action taken by their Grand Lodge." The Grand Master forthwith descended to the floor, and evidently made a forceful protest, as when the vote was finally taken it was adverse to cutting out the questionable portion of the address. But whatever action Grand Lodge took on the ritual question itself remains a profound secret.

We notice the Grand Master questions, on the authority of one of the oldest Past Grand Masters, as to whether Webb ever taught any work to Barney that was communicated to "Rob" Morris, etc. That depends altogether on the meaning attached to the word. If by it he means "lectures," we may say, with no desire of contention or discussion, that in our judgment indisputable evidence can be produced to show that Morris' mnemonics are based in a great measure on the so-called Webb work, but that they vary from the same in a number of important, as well as minor, particulars. Beyond a doubt the nearest approach to the lectures arranged by Webb, to be found to-day in any jurisdiction, is the authorized ritual of the Grand Lodge of Vermont, adopted in 1817, received by Barney from Gleason, to whom he was referred because of pressure of business by Webb, and taught by Barney in person to Willson, Vermont's Grand Lecturer, for more than a half century.

Canada for 1903 receives due notice. Our benevolent record is called a most commendable one.

Lodges, 103; members, 11,288; increase, 305.

Olin W. Daley (White River Junction), G. M.

Henry H. Ross (Burlington), C. S.

VIRGINIA.

127th Communication, Richmond, February 14, 1905.

Thomas N. Davis, G. M.

The opening paragraphs of the address are certainly not of the stereotyped class. They betray an original mind and that of a thinker as well as a worker:

Brethren, "What is Masonry?"

I have never met two Masons of reasonable experience and intelligence who gave, in effect even, the same definite answer to this query, which was submitted to me by a friendly profane of atheistic and iconoclastic tendencies, very soon after I was made a Master Mason. I then evaded the issue by saying that my limited experience as a member of the Craft prevented my giving an intelligent reply, one that he would understand and properly appreciate.

Now, after forty years of active Masonic work, embracing and covering duties from the ground floor to the Grand East, I am yet without knowledge and experience enough to give a succinct and definite answer to the interrogatory, "What is Masonry?"

I know that I could not frame one so terse and compact that, after hearing it, all Virginia Masons would stand up and say, "That is the meat of the whole matter."

The philosopher tells us that man, though he separates himself from his fellow by the physical mountain and the intellectual doctrine, is, after all, generously gregarious in his nature and seeks the level of association with his kind.

If this be true he must have originated Masonry as a means to the end, for of all the organizations devised by the wit, wisdom and experience of man, this order of orders touches more points of the compass of our common human needs and nature than does any other whose record we know from history or tradition; in fact, it could not be otherwise, for beneath the universal surface is the great core of brotherly love, "which unites men of every country, sect and opinion."

Many are made Masons who take no further interest save and except to pay their stipend of dues and keep in fair standing. These may be termed surface Masons and whose use is to assist in supporting the inevitable expense which follows every effort of organized man. Of others "the scythe of time cuts the brittle thread of life," and of others, the undeposited and inoperative dimit does its work of disintegration; then again, through the gate, over whose portals is inscribed the legend, "non-payment of dues," may wander out and, few returning, swell the ranks of those derelicts known Masonically as non-affiliates.

These negative classes I dismiss and turn to the rare few—those splendid spirits whose inspiration and industry and whose efforts and esprit de corps is ever feeding the fires on the altars of Masonry.

THEY ARE BEFORE ME NOW.

The young and enthusiastic Mason who is charmed with the rhythm of the ritual ; he of maturer years who begins to penetrate the inner courts, and here and there catches faint glimpses of the high morality and human philosophy which dwell therein ; and he who has wrought his regular hours and earned the wages of knowledge and virtue and learned his duty to God and man, and who has clearer visions as to how that duty should be performed, and who has imbibed the great truth that, while Masonry is not a religion, there is a religion of Masonry which teaches him virtue and morality ; to be temperate, industrious, honest and just ; to be kind, compassionate and merciful ; to be benevolent, forbearing and patient, and, above all, to be truthful and to have in his heart the love of charity and the charity of love, so that when he steps to the great centre and selects his doctrine and denomination, he cannot, if he be a true Mason, be a partisan, for true Masonry conserves and preserves true religion.

Eight new lodges were opened.

The Committee on Appeals must be a wonder. They "carefully considered all matters brought before them and settled all troubles to the satisfaction of all parties."

A proposition from California to abolish Grand Representatives was met with a "no action" report, the committee considering that the appointment of such representatives was entirely in the hands of the Grand Master.

In his review of British Columbia Bro. Joseph W. Eggleston has the following :

We do unusually call our Committee on Work the "Working Committee," Bro. Smith. We are very proud of it, too. It consists of four lecturers and five other members from all parts of the State, and it holds and teaches our ritual without a fault as to a letter or syllable from year to year. Five days before our annual communication the committee meets and rehearses to see that no one is "off," and then exemplifies three times a day. We tolerate no cipher, or other written or printed aid, under penalty of punishment for un-Masonic conduct.

Canada for 1904 has fraternal mention.

Bro. Eggleston has some original ideas as to the origin of the Craft :

The argument that our Speculative System grew out of, or was formed in imitation of the operative guilds, is a proposition capable of being turned hind part before. We have for a long time been of opinion that those Guilds, such as the Masons Company, of London and its contemporaries and predecessors were organized by Speculative Masons or Freemasons. The Craft, organized as it was as a secret society, forbidding records of any sort, was the most natural possible

parent of the Guilds of Operative Masons. The immediate predecessor of our present Craft seems to have been an amalgamation of the two, and until recent times in Scotland Masters were all speculative, and Wardens operative Masons. The reason we have not sooner expressed the opinion above given has been simply for want of the backing of older Masonic writers. Freemasonry, essentially Hebraic and antedating Christianity, could not have originated in the early eighteenth century, and if it had it would have been stamped out as a heresy. Only in the last half of the nineteenth century did religious tolerance reach a point, since Christianity began, when our Craft could have begun its work and been permitted to exist, and we well know its existence to long antedate that period.

Lodges, 281; members, 15,846; increase, 845.

Thomas N. Davis (Lynchburg), G. M.

George W. Carrington (Richmond), G. S.

WASHINGTON.

47th Communication, Seattle, June 14, 1904.

Charles D. Atkins, G. M.

He reports eight new lodges.

The following special report of the Committee on Correspondence was adopted:

There have been referred to this committee a communication from the Grand Orient and Supreme Council of Brazil (Grand Oriente e Supremo Conselho do Brazil), requesting an exchange of Grand Representatives, and one from the Grand Lodge of Costa Rica asking for recognition as a Sovereign Grand Lodge of Free and Accepted Masons.

The history of neither of these bodies is obscure. The Supreme Council of Brazil claims an existence from 1822, and counts among its officers and members some of the most distinguished citizens of that great republic.

Some account of the Grand Lodge of Costa Rica was given in the general report of this committee last year, and it seems unnecessary to repeat here what was said there further than to remind the brethren that the Grand Lodge of Costa Rica was organized a few years ago by four lodges, which owed their origin to a Supreme Council of the A. & A. Scottish Rite, which claims jurisdiction over Masonry in Costa Rica, and, so far as known, seems to be exercising an influence for good in that fair state.

From what has been said it will be seen that both of the bodies which have addressed us depend for their original legitimacy upon the alleged jurisdiction of Supreme Councils over the three degrees of Ancient Craft Masonry and their right to warrant lodges of Craft Masonry.

The Grand Lodge of Washington has never recognized or acknowledged that any Supreme Council possesses any such jurisdiction or right. Nor has it ever knowingly entered

into fraternal relations with any body of that origin, with the possible exception of one or two cases wherein regularly constituted lodges had united with Scottish Rite lodges in forming a Grand Body which, by long probation and long continued and consistent practice of Masonic principles has seemingly cured and atoned for any flaw in the original regularity of some of its constituent lodges.

Whether this Grand Lodge has or has not been wise in adhering through all these years to this conservative course—a course in which it has had the company of some of the most distinguished Grand Lodges in the world and the approval of most eminent Masonic scholars and jurists—your committee sees no occasion to discuss at this time. Its sole purpose in calling attention to the matter is to remind the Grand Lodge that to grant either of the applications under consideration would involve a complete change of policy on the part of this Grand Lodge—a change so radical and far-reaching that it should not be made, if made at all, without the most careful consideration and the most mature deliberation. In the case of the Grand Lodge of Costa Rica the further deterrent fact exists that, according to the letter, at least, of its written law it appears to deny the existence of any landmarks which are superior in authority to regulations which it may choose to make.

Under these circumstances, your committee, without in any wise casting or wishing this Grand Lodge to cast, the slightest reflection upon the character or standing of either of these Grand Bodies, which have so courteously addressed this Grand Lodge, recommends the adoption of the following resolution :

Resolved, That it is not deemed for the best interest of Masonry to grant, at this time, the application of the Grand Orient and Supreme Council of Brazil, asking for an exchange of Grand Representatives ; or that of the Grand Lodge of Costa Rica asking for official recognition ; and that further consideration of said applications be deferred.

Fraternally submitted,

WM. H. UPTON, Committee.

A committee of nine was appointed to consider the establishment of a Masonic Home.

A special District Lecturer was appointed for the District of Alaska.

Bro. W. H. Upton's report is full of good things, but our space is being rapidly used up.

Lodges, 129; members, 7,961; increase, 905.

Edwin Hugh Van Patten (Dayton), G. M.

Thomas M. Reed (Olympia), G. S.

WESTERN AUSTRALIA.

Quarterly Communication, Perth, July 24, 1903.

J. W. Hackett, G. M.

We quote from the address as follows:

I have already called your attention to the progress we are making. The forward march of our Constitution is evidenced each quarter in a most encouraging manner by the increase of our membership, by the additions to our lodges, by their energetic working, by the growth of our funds, by the hearty and fraternal accord which everywhere prevails. It must be to our satisfaction to find our proceedings and position so favorably commented upon by our sister Grand Lodges, of which we are receiving constant testimony. I would call your attention to a pamphlet which has been issued by the Board of General Purposes, and which contains a second series of extracts from reports of Grand Lodges elsewhere, specially referring to the position and authority of the Grand Lodge of Western Australia. As was to be expected all of those Grand Lodges which have examined into the subject express their full concurrence in our claim that we have absolute and unquestionable possession of this territory. They insist that "Masonic justice is on our side," that our position is "impregnable," that our rights are "indisputable," and that those who hold a contrary view must be guided by "unadulterated, unmasonic stubbornness." I notice that at the last quarterly communication of the District Grand Lodge of Scotland in this State a resolution was adopted declaring that fraternal intercourse with the Western Australia Constitution should cease on the 15th August of the present year. I trust this resolution will not be construed by any of our members to prevent members of legitimate Scotch lodges, those in existence at the time of the creation of the Grand Lodge, from continuing those amicable Masonic relations which have hitherto prevailed. We shall be at all times glad to welcome those brethren into our lodges, and although it is impossible, without forfeiting our legality, and exposing ourselves to the charges of ignorance of Masonic law and contempt for its principles, to accord Masonic recognition to those lodges that have been unlawfully, and by an act of usurpation, formed in the territory since the establishment of this Constitution, yet are we at one, not only in our desire to recognize the rights of the older Scotch lodges, but to extend to them at all times the right hand of unreserved Masonic friendship. It is not easy indeed to understand the purpose of this resolution. There is much less difficulty in forecasting its effects. It may, however, be that to adopt this resolution seems to the logical Scotch mind the more sincere and straightforward method of proceeding. In view of the declaration of the Grand Lodge of Scotland in October, 1901, that the Grand Lodge of Western Australia had been "irregularly formed," and its refusal to recognize this Grand Lodge, it may have appeared to our local Scotch Masons that the resolutions passed last May by the District Grand Lodge to withdraw all fraternal intercourse should, however belated in coming, be the natural consequence of the non-recognition of this Grand Lodge, and of insistence on the irregularity of its formation, and this is the

more likely when the resolutions of Scotland are set aside by side with the unshaken persistent demand of the Grand Lodge of Western Australia, that it is the one paramount, lawful and absolute Grand Lodge of the territory of Western Australia. This further difficulty must occur, however, to the logical Scotch mind—that the Grand Lodge of Scotland, in the same document in which it declared our illegitimacy, and condemned our formation as irregular, decided that Masonic intercourse between its District Grand Lodge and the members of the new and invading Constitution might be continued. It is, perhaps, to bring the utterances of the Grand Lodge of Scotland into a harmonious consistency that the District Grand Lodge of Scotland holding in this territory has taken upon itself the momentous step of over-ruling the permission granted by the Grand Lodge of Scotland for fraternal intercourse between the two Constitutions. This is indeed an important advance in the declaration of District Grand Lodge rights. We are now familiar with what outside Masonic authorities have styled the "new and untenable" doctrine of Scotland, that there must be a consenting majority of lodges under all Constitutions to allow of the establishment of a Sovereign Grand Lodge in any territory whatever. We have now a still more startling development—the setting aside by a District Grand Lodge of the opinion of the mother Grand Lodge itself. That is to say, although the Grand Lodge not only declares fraternal intercourse legal, but even recommends it, yet a daughter District Lodge may set this ruling aside and even require its disregard by the members owing it allegiance. To the logician perhaps, however, there is no help for it, and to assure a consistent interpretation what seems an essential principle of Masonic loyalty must be swept away. So the position stands. We shall probably not be far wrong in believing that the resolution carried by the District Grand Lodge of Scotland does not represent the true feeling of the majority of our Scotch brethren in this State; but whether it does so or not I beg to assure them once more that our doors will be ever open to all their regular members, and while we cannot deny our legal Masonic rights, or acquiesce in the attempt to move the landmarks of Masonry, such as would be involved in the recognition of usurping private lodges, we trust that the agreeable intercourse happily maintained for so long between the members of the several Constitutions in the past shall be harmoniously continued and fostered in the future.

A member was suspended for twelve months for disclosing his ballot. He said he wanted the rejected applicant to know that he cast the black ball.

The annual Masonic charity ball was held at Government House, and the net proceeds amounted to over £70.

Another Scotch lodge transferred its allegiance to the new Grand Lodge. The transfer was authorized by a vote of 50 to 5.

Lodges, 69; members, 3,348; increase, 368.

Right Rev. C. O. L. Riley, D. D., Lord Bishop of Perth, G. M.

J. D. Stevenson (Perth), G. S.

WEST VIRGINIA.

40th Communication, Clarksburg, November 16, 1904.
George Hatch, G. M.

The address of the Grand Master shows that the Craft kept him very busy during the year. He reports four new lodges.

The Grand Lecturer and his Deputies and the District Deputies are all commended for diligence and zeal in the proper dissemination of the work and the increase of prosperity among the lodges.

A committee was appointed to consider the advisability of making the sale of intoxicating liquor a disqualification.

Bro. George W. Atkinson presented his nineteenth report on correspondence and reviews Canada for 1904. On the subject of Masonic Homes he emphasizes the position we have heretofore taken, that the home should be sufficiently endowed before opening to keep it going without depending on voluntary subscriptions or taxation. In some cases the expense of maintenance has been so great that it would have been cheaper to have boarded the inmates at a first-class hotel:

It is not my purpose to disparage the building of Masonic homes, but rather to urge my brethren to investigate the subject most carefully, and satisfy themselves that they are financially able to keep one going after it is constructed and opened up. The securing of necessary buildings and grounds are the smallest tax of a Masonic Home. The expense of maintaining it after it is once started is where the great burden falls, and the individual brothers are the ones who have to carry the load in the end. In my judgment no Grand Lodge should inaugurate a home unless it is properly and sufficiently endowed before its doors are opened for inmates. But mark you, I do not say that it is not the duty of every Grand Lodge of Masons on God's footstool to provide the necessary means to relieve the wants of every needy Mason within its jurisdiction. When Freemasonry abandons its indigent and helpless members and their widows and orphans, it has forsaken one of the greatest principles which underlies its edifice—Charity. When it does this it will crumble and fall. It is our duty as Masons to find those of our number who need help and help them. But I ask again, do we

have to build Masonic homes to do this? Are there not other cheaper and equally effective ways to do it? Think it over, brethren, and then do the best you can, and that is all that the laws of humanity and Masonry require at your hands.

Now please don't conclude that I am an enemy of Masonic homes.

Lodges, 124; members, 9,399; increase, 689.

L. H. Clarke (Kyle), G. M.

George W. Atkinson (Charleston), G. S.

WISCONSIN.

60th Communication, Milwaukee, June 14, 1904.

John Corscot, G. M.

The year has been one of peace and prosperity. The death is reported of Past Grand Master Gabriel Bouck, who was a familiar figure in Grand Lodge for over fifty years. He was Grand Steward in 1852, Grand Master in 1860, and again in 1869 and 1870. He was a man of strong intellectual powers, a just man with a tender heart. Deeds of charity were scattered all through his life.

Two new lodges were formed. We quote three decisions, the first contains a novelty and was reversed by the Grand Lodge:

1. Question: If a lodge grants permission, is there any objection to the use of a lodge room by the Jews for their days of atonement and prayer?

Answer: No.

2. Question: Has a brother a right to tell either of accused or accuser at a Masonic trial, how a brother voted?

Answer: No.

3. Question: Is it permitted a lodge to allow the Order of the Eastern Star to fasten their Star carpet to the floor and thus permitting the Masonic Altar to rest permanently thereon?

Answer: No.

The Grand Master condemned Masonic fairs and advocates the increase of the remuneration of the Correspondence Committee:

The question of holding a Masonic fair has been brought to the attention of the Grand Master by members of one of the subordinate lodges. If the conduct of the fair were on the order of the least objectionable of church fairs, where articles were exhibited and afterwards sold to the highest bidder, and where there was no lottery, gambling or other objectionable features connected therewith, it might be permis-

able to give the fair the sanction of the Grand Lodge; but if the chief attraction at such fairs is to be the spectacular display of Masonic emblems and Masonic clothing then the brethren had far better maintain the dignity of the Craft and forego this questionable method of raising funds, even for charitable purposes.

We are at peace with our brethren everywhere, as will appear from the excellent, unexcelled report of the Committee on Foreign Correspondence, Past Grand Master Aldro Jenks, whose report for the current year is earnestly commended to your careful perusal and candid consideration. Advance copies of the report are on the Grand Secretary's desk for distribution.

In this connection, permit me to call your attention to the amount of time, labor and care spent in the work of review and preparation of this very able contribution to the literature of Masonry, and to the fact that the meagre compensation of \$300.00 allowed Past Grand Master Jenks for this work. It is unquestionably worth double the amount paid, and it is earnestly recommended that the compensation be made at least \$600.00 for the last year, and that in the future payment for this service be made in the months of December and June of the Masonic year for which the report of the committee is made.

The hat was passed for the relief of a brother, the donations not to exceed twenty-five cents each, and the result was \$94.00.

An edict was unanimously adopted that "The holding of Masonic fairs, gift enterprises or public entertainments of any nature for gain, are forbidden, and no lodge or body of Masons, as Masons, shall take part or participate therein."

The remuneration of the Chairman of Correspondence was increased from \$300 to \$600.

Bro. Aldro Jenks presented his seventh report on Correspondence. On the defeat of a "Home" resolution in Alabama, Bro. Jenks says:

To an impartial observer it would seem as if the majority of the Craft were entirely competent to pass upon the question. They are in a position to know the needs of the Craft. Many jurisdictions have ascertained to their sorrow that this is not the most economical method of administering Masonic charity. They have also found out by like experience that it does not reach in many cases those most worthy of assistance. If, therefore, the majority of the brethren deem it wisest to bestow their charity in secret, as they have done before for many years, why should not this determination be respected?

In this connection we note that one of the lodges in the State has had a Widows' and Orphans' Home in practical operation for nearly two years. It appears that an aged

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widow and orphan daughter of a deceased Master Mason resided in the jurisdiction of a lodge other than the one in which the husband and father had held his membership. This lodge failed to assist them, but the lodge within whose jurisdiction they had become domiciled purchased the ground and erected a comfortable home for this widow and orphan, and there cared for them with true Masonic charity. Such a practical exemplification of Masonic charity is sufficient to acquit our Alabama brethren of any suspicion of having rejected this proposition through selfishness or other unworthy motives.

In his notice of Canada for 1903 we find the following:

Two hundred and fifty pages are again taken up with reports from the various District Deputy Grand Masters. They consist as usual in such cases almost entirely of accounts of official visits paid to the different lodges, and acknowledgments of social amenities enjoyed by them on these occasions. Outside of the proofreader and perhaps the committee to which these reports are referred, we think it safe to say that no one reads them all. In one instance we find three pages devoted to rulings made by one of these District Deputy Grand Masters on questions of Masonic law, which should more properly be referred to the Grand Master. It is no concern of ours, but we would suggest the advisability of omitting these reports from the published proceedings, and giving Bro. Robertson greater scope in preparing and publishing his report on Foreign Correspondence.

Lodges, 253; members, 20,571; increase, 858.

David H. Wright (Madison), G. M.

William W. Perry (Milwaukee), G. S.

WYOMING.

30th Communication, Evanston, August 17, 1904.

T. S. Taliaferro, Jr., G. M.

A distinguished visitor was present in the person of the Grand Secretary of Utah, Bro. Christopher Diehl.

On the internal relations of the jurisdiction the Grand Master says:

Although my official visitations have not been as numerous as I had hoped, yet I have been in constant communication with and supervision of every portion of the grand jurisdiction, and its Masonic welfare has had my earnest and constant care. I have traveled much in the past year, have gone up and down the State, in and among our brothers, in their homes, and in their daily lives, and I am happy to say to this Grand Communication, and through it to a wider world—to our brethren everywhere—that peace and harmony, brotherly love, relief and truth prevail among us, and with that charity which thinketh no evil, that prudence which

speareth no wrong, and temperance and justice and fortitude and the other virtues which are the tenets and the cardinal points of our institution, are upheld as the ideals of the perfect citizenship of this young commonwealth. It is the "perfect character," the "cubical stone" of manhood, which our brethren must strive to obtain, while with naked and bleeding feet, in the darkness of perplexity and doubt, bound fast by the cable tow of passion and prejudice, they struggle up the hill of life in search of the light and blessings of a better and holier day. No discord or dissension has marred the harmonious proportions of our stately edifice. We are, so far as my observation can discern, dwelling together as brothers should—in unity. Our increase in membership is greater than ever before for the same period of time, and the applicants for our favors have been unexceptionable in their lives and in their various callings.

Bro. Taliaferro impressed upon the brethren the importance of the proper care and protection of the lodge records, the loss of which has been a grievous misfortune in the past, not only to the lodge but to the Craft in general.

One of the decisions is that the vote on an application for waiver of jurisdiction should be by ballot and should be unanimous. The same reasons apply as to an original application for initiation.

Two new lodges were opened.

On the official work the Grand Master says:

I have, during my term, critically examined the so-called "official work," and find that I have no particular quarrel therewith. True, I think in some instances it is historically, or, as some of my brethren would have me put it, traditionally, incorrect, and that in a measure the quaint, antique, rich and oriental expression of the older work has been somewhat sacrificed by modern tinkering, yet I am one of those who can maintain that one side of a shield is silvery without denying that the other side is gold. I am not a "uniformist" in the narrow and obnoxious sense of the term, but rather inclined to the view that there should not be too much looseness on the one hand nor stillness on the other; that there should be sufficient latitude to allow, in a degree, the individuality of the worker. To illustrate, the strict conformist of this jurisdiction, if I understand him correctly, lays down the rule that nothing can be said or done in conferring degrees, and in lectures upon the same, except that which bears the official approval of the Grand Lodge. He would hold that the Grand Master was amenable to criticism if he (as I did at Cheyenne) sat approvingly and listened to a charge being given to a class, which charge was the entire composition of the lecturer and not contained in any work officially approved by the Grand Lodge. I know some of my brothers will feel shocked

at this expression, and some may feel that the Grand Master, in doing so, has violated Section 47 of the by-laws of the Grand Lodge concerning Masonic lectures. My only excuse is that I do not read the law in the same light as do my strict conformist brethren. May be we must have some contention. What the ritual is to the churchman and the tariff is to the politician, so I conceive the "right work" is to the Mason. Mankind needs a bone of contention to keep him employed, and consequently out of trouble, and when all other harmless things seem to fail, ritual, tariff and the "right work" can invariably be relied upon as the "golden apple of discord," and as invariably proves a blessing in disguise, for "Satan finds some mischief still for idle hands to do."

There were no appeals or grievances, indicating an excellent degree of harmony in the lodges.

Bro. W. L. Kuykendall presents the report on Correspondence. He hopes it will "prove acceptable to all readers and especially to our brother reviewers." We differ. These reports are written primarily for the brethren of our own jurisdiction. Canada for 1903 has due notice. On the disparity in matters of legislation Bro. Kuykendall has the following remarks as to a uniform code of laws:

Such a code, based upon common sense, might have been adopted directly after the first Grand Lodges were established in this country if the main promoters had not been so busy trying to surround Masonry with mystery and obedience to one man power. Younger jurisdictions, in adopting laws, have, to some extent, profited by the mistakes of their elders, and probably would not now agree to run the risk of a change. The Masonic congresses held have dealt solely with other questions instead of trying to agree upon such a code, which might have met with the approval of all, or at least a majority, of Grand Lodges. A General Grand Lodge would provide uniformity, but neither it or a congress are practicable now or in the near future, and we are destined to grind along with laws, usages and customs of one jurisdiction diametrically opposed to those of an adjoining jurisdiction. So-called landmarks and the prerogative doctrine are mainly responsible for such a state of affairs. We have from the first pointed out the want of uniformity referred to, and for so doing have been classed as a progressive, etc. We are glad to know that our brother, as well as many others, see what we have been calling attention to for years past.

Lodges, 23; members, 1,649; increase, 161.

Frank A. Luckfield (Rawlins), G. M.

William L. Kuykendall (Saratoga), G. S.

CALIFORNIA.

55th Communication, San Francisco, October 11, 1904.
Charles W. Nutting, G. M.

The Grand Master reports a year of unusual activity. He strongly condemns the use of political methods in Grand Lodge.

Their Masonic Home has 124 inmates. The care of these will range from \$200 to \$220 per capita per year, as they "furnish everything from toothbrush up."

In the report of the Grand Lecturer we find the following instructions as to the use of the evergreen at funerals, which, if generally adopted, would correct the slipshod manner in which this part of the ceremony is sometimes performed:

When the lodge has arrived at the grave, the Master at the head, the Senior Warden at the foot, and the Junior Warden at the left and between the Master and Senior Warden, the Master reads or recites the funeral service until he reaches the point at which the acacia is to be dropped. He then steps to the left to a position even with the shoulder of the body and facing the grave says, as he presses with his right hand the acacia to his left breast: "We cherish his memory here," then as he points upward with the acacia, he says: "We commend his spirit to God," then, as he drops the acacia into the grave he says: "We consign his body to the grave."

The officers and brethren then move in procession, single file, around the grave, each one stopping at the point where the Master stood to drop the acacia, and each brother there faces the grave, repeats the action or gestures of the Master in dropping the acacia, but omits the words used by the Master. All the brethren after thus passing around the grave and dropping the acacia will be in the same position that they were before starting to move. The Master then proceeds to finish the ceremony.

A standing regulation was adopted setting apart each year \$300 to purchase a testimonial for the retiring Grand Master.

A lodge in Honolulu, Hawaii, holding under the Supreme Council of France, petitioned the Grand Lodge for a warrant, but the request was declined, for the following reasons:

We are of the opinion that it would be inexpedient to finally act upon this petition at this Communication of the Grand Lodge. The proposition to accept, as one of our family of lodges, a lodge chartered and constituted under another Grand Body is a new one, so far, at least, as this Grand

Lodge is concerned, and we doubt whether under our Constitution any such procedure would be warranted. Our Constitution provides, in great detail, the method by which a lodge may be organised, and the circumstances under which a dispensation or charter may be granted, and it may well be doubted whether any other method can legally be followed. Were we satisfied as to the legality of the method suggested, we are of the opinion that no dispensation or charter should be ordered while the lodge is a subordinate of another Grand Body ; and further, that no such action should be taken until after full investigation as to the origin of the lodge, its history, work and membership.

It was decided that no lodge could receive the petition of a seafaring man who has no residence except on board ship.

Canada for 1903 receives due notice at the hands of Bro. William A. Davies.

Lodges, 291 ; members, 29,468 ; increase, 2,390.

George W. Hunter (Eureka), G. M.

George Johnson (San Francisco), G. S.

PROCEEDINGS NOT RECEIVED.

The following Proceedings have not come to hand at the date of closing this report: Michigan, 1905; Mississippi, 1905; New Jersey, 1905; South Carolina, 1904; Texas, 1904, and Victoria, 1903-4.

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All of which is fraternally submitted.

HENRY ROBERTSON, *Chairman*.

COLLINGWOOD, June 27, 1905.

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GRAND LODGE OF CANADA IN THE PROVINCE OF ONTARIO.

PROCEEDINGS.

*At an Especial Communication of the Grand Lodge of
A. F. & A. M. of Canada, in the Province of On-
tario, held at the Town of Rainy River, on Monday,
the thirty-first day of July, A. D. 1905, A. L. 5905.*

PRESENT :

R. W. Bro. William Roaf.as Grand Master.
R. W. Bro. Donald Robertsonas Deputy Grand Master.
R. W. Bro. Hon. D. H. McFadden...as Grand Senior Warden.
M. W. Bro. John Leslieas Grand Junior Warden.
R. W. Bro. A. Shawas Grand Chaplain.
W. Bro. J. T. Stephensonas Grand Treasurer.
V. W. Bro. William Bradenas Grand Secretary.
Bro. A. A. McCrimmon.....as Grand Supt. of Works.
V. W. Bro. R. Magnusas Grand Dir. of Cer.

Together with Masters, Past Masters and brethren hailing
from various lodges.

The Grand Lodge was opened in form at 10.30 o'clock
a. m. in the Masonic Hall by R. W. Bro. William Roaf,
who announced that he had been commissioned by the M.
W. the Grand Master to open an Especial Communica-
tion of Grand Lodge and to lay the foundation stone of
the Public School, Rainy River.

The brethren acting as Grand Lodge Officers having
received the necessary directions, the Grand Lodge was
called off, a procession was formed under direction of the
Acting Grand Director of Ceremonies, and marched in
procession to the grounds of the Public School, the site
of the proposed building, taking their proper positions at
the northeast corner of the building.

Prayer having been offered by the Grand Chaplain, the
following scroll was read by the Grand Secretary and
deposited in the cavity of the stone :

**In the Name and by the Favor of the Great Architect
of the Universe**

On the 31st day of July, A. D. 1905, A. L. 5905, the fifth year
of the reign of our Gracious Sovereign,

Edward VII

King of Great Britain and Ireland, Emperor of India and De-
pendencies in Asia, Europe, Africa, Dominion of
Canada and the Commonwealth of Australia, etc.

The Right Hon. EARL GRAY, G. C. M. G., being Governor-
General of Canada.

His Honor the Hon. WM. MORTIMER CLARK, K. C., being
Lieut.-Governor of the Province of Ontario.

The Right Hon. SIR WILFRID LAURIER, G. C. M. G., P. C.,
being Premier of the Dominion of Canada.

The Hon. J. P. WHITNEY, K. C., being Premier of the
Province of Ontario.

The Hon. Dr. R. A. PYNE, Minister of Education.

JAMES CONMEE, M. P.

H. W. KENNEDY, M. L. A.

HUGH CARSON, being Mayor.

M. W. Bro. J. H. BURRITT, Grand Master of the Grand Lodge
of Canada, A. F. & A. M., in the Province of Ontario.

R. W. Bro. DONALD ROBERTSON, D. D. G. M. of the 17th
Masonic District.

This Corner Stone

OF THE RAINY RIVER PUBLIC SCHOOL.

Was laid by R. W. Bro. Wm. Roaf, K. C., Acting Grand Mas-
ter, assisted by the Grand Officers, and in presence
of a large concourse of brethren and citizens
of Rainy River.

Rainy River, a town of twelve hundred inhabitants, and
nicely situated on the banks of Rainy River, was incorporated
on January 1st, 1904. Since that time its growth has been
rapid, yet healthy, and of a permanent nature. Being a divi-
sional point on the Canadian Northern Railway, its shipping
facilities are ample, and are of such a nature as to afford
every convenience to the large industries upon which the
town is dependent. These industries, being the Rat Portage
Lumber Co.'s and the Rainy River Lumber Co.'s saw and plan-
ing mills, afford employment to upwards of one thousand men,
and support a population which at the present time is over
two thousand.

Though only incorporated for nineteen months, the town
has made wonderful progress in the different improvements,
such as sidewalks and roads, and there are few towns indeed
that have advanced so rapidly in such a short space of time.

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Not only have these improvements been made, but the dwellings and mercantile buildings which have been erected are a credit both to the owners and the town and speak well for the enterprise and industry of the pioneers.

At the time of the incorporation the educational facilities were by no means up to the standard required by the department, and the newly elected School Board recognized that something must be done at once. Accordingly they procured plans and specifications and finally decided upon what, with a few subsequent alterations, is the building now under construction. One unavoidable delay after another kept crowding upon them, with the result that it was left to the present Board to carry on the work, and the structure before us to-day shows us how well they have discharged the duty thus placed upon them.

The Councils and School Board since incorporation are :

Council, 1904—W. J. Bolton, P. J. Gorman, George Simpson, A. Williscraft, J. G. Clark, W. P. Murphy. Donald Robertson, Mayor, and A. A. McCrimmon, M. D. T. P. Morton, Clerk. A. W. Walsh, Treasurer.

Council, 1905—W. J. Bolton, P. J. Gorman, A. E. Mark, A. P. McDonald, C. McMillan, D. A. McQuarrie. Hugh Carson, Mayor. F. A. Gormley, Clerk. A. W. Walsh, Treasurer.

School Board, 1904—K. C. Grimshaw, C. McMillan, James Clarkson, George Wescott, James Lothian, Chairman; A. E. Mark, Secretary-Treasurer.

School Board, 1905—J. Jones, George Wescott, Arch. Case, A. A. McCrimmon, M. D., H. G. Gorham, K. C. Grimshaw, Chairman; A. E. Mark, Secretary-Treasurer.

Architect, Charles H. Wheeler, Winnipeg.

Contractor, S. B. Ritchie, Winnipeg.

William Braden, Acting Grand Secretary of Grand Lodge, A. F. & A. M., of Canada.

The Acting Grand Treasurer then deposited the coins and other records in the civity of the stone. A presentation was then made by Mr. R. C. Grimshaw, the Chairman of the Public School Board of Rainy River for the year 1905, to the Acting Grand Master, of a beautiful silver trowel, suitably inscribed, as a memento of the auspicious occasion. After a proper acknowledgment of the gift, made by the Acting Grand Master, the cement was spread and the stone was laid in its bed according to the usual forms and ceremonies.

Grand honors were then given and R. W. Bro. William Roaf, Acting Grand Master, delivered an address to the large gathering assembled.

R. W. Bro. A. Shaw also delivered an address. The procession re-formed and the brethren returned to the lodge room, where Grand Lodge was duly closed in form

ATTEST :



Aueh Murray
Grand Secretary

GRAND LODGE OF CANADA

IN THE PROVINCE OF ONTARIO.

PROCEEDINGS.

At an Especial Communication of the Grand Lodge of A. F. & A. M. of Canada, in the Province of Ontario, held at Micksburg, in the County of Renfrew, on Tuesday, the 5th day of June, A.D. 1906, A.L. 5906.

PRESENT.

M. W. Bro. James H. Burritt, K.C..	Grand Master.
M. W. Bro. William R. White, K.C.	Past Grand Master.
R. W. Bro. Geo. E. Josephs, M. D.,	
P. D. D. G. M.	as Deputy Grand Master.
W. Bro. Andrew Johnston.....	as Grand Senior Warden.
W. Bro. Jas. H. Leach	as Grand Junior Warden.
W. Bro. Rev. Dr. G. D. Bayne....	as Grand Chaplain.
W. Bro. E. A. Dunlop, M.P.P.....	as Grand Treasurer.
W. Bro. John P. Millar	as Grand Secretary.
V. W. Bro. J. G. Forgie	as Grand Senior Deacon.
W. Bro. Dr. A. J. Sparling	as Grand Junior Deacon.
W. Bro. John H. Reeves	as Grand Supt of Works.
V. W. Bro. J. C. Stewart	as Grand Dir. of Cer.
Bro. R. B. Harrison	as Grand Sword Bearer.
Bro. H. S. Bowden	as Grand Pursuivant.
Bro. A. T. Mackie	} as Grand Tylers.
Bro. J. R. Brownlee	
Bro. F. E. Fortin	} as Grand Stewards.
Bro. W. D. McLaren	
Bro. A. McLaren, M. D....	
Bro. J. Harrison.	
Bro. W. T. C. Bethel	
Bro. J. C. Hunter	} as Grand Organist.
Bro. S. M. Snedden	
Bro. W. H. Edwards	as Grand Organist.

Together with Masters, Past Masters and brethren hailing from other lodges.

The Grand Lodge was opened in ample for at three o'clock p. m. by M. W. Bro. Jas. H. Burritt, Grand Master, who announced that this Especial Communication of Grand Lodge had been called to assist him in laying the corner stone of St. Stephen's Anglican Church at Micksburg, in the Township of Stafford, County of Renfrew.

The brethren acting as Grand Lodge Officers having received the necessary directions, the Grand Lodge was called off, and a procession formed under the direction of the Acting Grand Director of Ceremonies and marched to the site in the prescribed order, taking their proper positions at the northeast corner of the building.

The Rector of the Church, the Rev. Robert Orr, L. T., then read an address to the M. W. the Grand Master, to which the Grand Master made a suitable reply, after which the ceremony of laying the corner stone was proceeded with in the presence of a large concourse of people.

The Acting Grand Chaplain then asked a blessing and the Acting Grand Superintendent of Works read the following scroll and deposited it in the cavity in the stone.

**In the Name and by the Favor of the Great Architect
of the Universe**

On the 5th day of June, A. D. 1906, A. L. 5906, and the 6th
year of the reign of our Gracious Sovereign

Edward VII

King of Great Britain and Ireland, and the British Dominions
beyond the seas, Defender of the Faith,
Emperor of India, etc.

His Excellency LORD GREY, being Governor-General
of Canada.

The Hon. WM. MORTIMER CLARK, K. C., being Lieut.-
Governor of Ontario.

SIR WILFRID LAURIER, being the Premier of the Dominion
of Canada.

The Hon. J. P. WHITNEY, K. C., being Premier of the
Province of Ontario.

The North Riding of the County of Renfrew, in the House of
Commons, being vacant owing to the recent death of
the late Hon. PETER WHITE, P. C.,
late member.

W. Bro. E. A. DUNLOP, M.P.P. for the North Riding of the
County of Renfrew.

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**R. W. Bro. A. S. GORRELL, M. D., D. D. G. M. for the 16th
Masonic District.**

**Right Rev. CHARLES HAMILTON, being Bishop of the
Diocese of Ottawa.**

**The Rev. ROBERT ORR, L. T., being Rector of the Parish of
Stafford.**

**SAMUEL ANDREWS, ESQ., being Reeve of the Township
of Stafford.**

**M. W. Bro. JAS. H. BURRITT, K. C., being Grand Master of
the Grand Lodge A. F. & A. M. of Canada, in the
Province of Ontario.**

This Corner Stone

OF ST. STEPHEN'S CHURCH,

**was laid by M. W. Bro. Jas. H. Burritt, K. C., Grand Master,
assisted by the Grand Officers and in the presence of a
large concourse of brethren and inhabitants of
the County and members of the Parish.**

JOHN LEACH and GEORGE ROSS being Churchwardens.

**THOS. HAWKINS, SAMUEL RATH, WM. WRIGHT, THOS.
WRIGHT, JOHN WRIGHT, EDWARD HAWKINS and
THOS. BUTTLE being the Building Committee.**

**JOHN P. MILLAR, Jr., Acting Grand Secretary Grand Lodge
A. F. & A. M. of Canada.**

Stafford, 5th June, 1906.

The Acting Grand Treasurer then deposited the phial containing the coins of the Dominion, together with copies of many newspapers, in the cavity in the stone.

The Grand Wardens and the Acting Deputy Grand Master applied the implements of their office to the stone after it had been placed in position, and announced that the Craftsmen had done their duty.

The Grand Master then consecrated the stone with corn, wine and oil and pronounced it well made, truly laid, well proven, true and trusty.

The Grand Master then invited M. W. Bro. W. R. White, K. C., Past Grand Master, to address the assembled audience, which he did.

The Grand Honors were then given, after which the Grand Chaplain invoked a blessing, the procession then

re-formed, the brethren repairing to the lodge room, when the Grand Lodge was closed in ample form.

ATTEST :



Hugh Murray
Grand Secretary.

GRAND LODGE OF CANADA IN THE PROVINCE OF ONTARIO.

PROCEEDINGS.

*At an Especial Communication of the Grand Lodge of
A. F. & A. M. of Canada, in the Province of On-
tario, held at the Town of North Bay, on Wednes-
day, the twentieth day of June, A.D. 1906, A.L. 5906.*

PRESENT :

M. W. Bro. Jas. H. Burritt, K.C.... Grand Master.
R. W. Bro. Archibald Hoodas Past Grand Master.
R. W. Bro. Judge H. D. Leask.....as Deputy Grand Master.
R. W. Bro. A. Carmichaelas Grand Senior Warden.
R. W. Bro. A. J. Youngas Grand Junior Warden.
W. Bro. Rev. F. E. Pitts.....as Grand Chaplain.
W. Bro. C. R. Reidas Grand Treasurer.
Bro. W. I. Johnstonas Grand Secretary.
W. Bro. George W. Leeas Grand Senior Deacon.
W. Bro. Arch. Foster, Jr.....as Grand Junior Deacon.
R. W. Bro. W. B. Saundersas Grand Supt. of Works.
Bro. S. A. Huntingtonas Grand Dir. of Cer.
Bro. Frank Haynesas Grand Sword Bearer.
W. Bro. D. Mitchellas Grand Pursuivant.
Bro. George Taylor
Bro. J. H. Black
Bro. H. Trelford. as Grand Stewards.
Bro. John Morris
W. Bro. C. W. Haentschel, M.D |
Bro. James E. Young
W. Bro. Evan E. Fraser, M.P.P..as Grand Tyler.

Together with Masters, Past Masters and brethren hailing from various lodges.

The Grand Lodge was opened in ample form at 1.30 p. m. by M. W. Bro. Jas. H. Burritt, K. C., Grand Master, who announced that this Especial Communication of Grand Lodge had been called to assist him in laying the corner stone of the North Bay Methodist Church, North Bay.

The brethren acting as Grand Lodge Officers having received the necessary directions, the Grand Lodge was

called off, a procession formed under the direction of the Acting Grand Director of Ceremonies, and marched to the site under prescribed order, taking their proper positions at the northeast corner of the building.

An address was then presented by Edgar Brandon, Esq., M. D., to the M. W. the Grand Master.

North Bay, June 20th, 1906.

To J. H. Burritt, K. C., Grand Master of the Grand Lodge of Ancient, Free and Accepted Masons of Canada, in the Province of Ontario :

Most Worshipful Sir :

On behalf of the congregation and the official boards of the North Bay Methodist Church, we have great pleasure here to-day in welcoming you and the Order of which you are the distinguished head. We are highly honored in having the ceremony of laying the corner stone of our new church performed by a gentleman so distinguished as yourself, and under the auspices of an organization so widespread, so far reaching and so beneficent as that of Freemasonry.

The principles for which your august body stands are the same broad, basic, christian principles for which our church has ever stood—The Fatherhood of God and the Brotherhood of Man. You and your great Order are seeking to inculcate and further that doctrine, and we are attempting, in erecting this church, the corner stone of which you are about to lay, to more thoroughly carry out those principles and to obey the behests of the Great Grand Master of the Universe.

We are especially pleased to have you and the other Grand Lodge officers with us on this interesting occasion, and we again extend to you and your society our earnest welcome and heartiest greetings. We congratulate you and the Masonic fraternity upon the success and usefulness of your body in the past, and in presenting you with this address and this silver trowel as mementoes of this event, we would express the wish that success may be continued to you in still greater measure and ever increasing prosperity.

Signed on behalf of the Congregation—

REV. J. W. STEWART, Pastor.

Signed on behalf of the Quarterly Board—

J. C. DETLOR, M. A., Secretary.

Signed on behalf of the Trustee Board—

EDGAR BRANDON, M. D., Secretary.

After the Grand Master's reply and the presentation to him of a beautiful silver trowel, the ceremony of the laying of the corner stone was proceeded with.

The Acting Grand Chaplain then asked a blessing, and the Acting Grand Superintendent of Works read the following scroll and deposited it in the cavity in the stone :

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**In the Name and by the Favor of the Great Architect
of the Universe**

**On the 20th day of June, A. D. 1906, A. L. 5906, and the 6th
year of the reign of our Gracious Sovereign,**

Edward VII

**By the Grace of God of the United Kingdom of Great Britain
and Ireland and of the British Dominions beyond the
seas, King, Defender of the Faith, Emperor of India.**

**The Right Hon. EARL GREY, C. M. G., being Governor-
General of Canada.**

**His Honor WILLIAM MORTIMER CLARK, K. C., being
Lieut.-Governor of the Province of Ontario.**

**The Right Hon. SIR WILFRID LAURIER, G. C. M. G., P. C.,
M. P., President of the King's Privy Council, being
Premier of the Dominion of Canada.**

**The Hon. J. P. WHITNEY, M.P.P., K. C., being Premier of
the Province of Ontario.**

**Rev. R. N. BURNS, D. D., being President of the Toronto
Conference of the Methodist Church.**

**Rev. J. W. STEWART, being Pastor of the North Bay
Methodist Church.**

**DAVID PURVIS, ESQ., being Mayor of the Town of
North Bay.**

**M. W. Bro. Jas. H. BURRITT, K. C., being Grand Master of
the Grand Lodge of Canada, A. F. & A. M., in the
Province of Ontario.**

**R. W. Bro. JUDGE H. D. LEASK, being D. D. G. M. of the 18th
Masonic District.**

This Corner Stone

**Was laid by M. W. Bro. Jas. H. Burritt, K. C., Grand Master,
assisted by the Grand Lodge Officers and in the presence
of a large concourse of brethren and inhabitants
of the Town of North Bay.**

**Trustee Board—John Shaw, C. E., O. L. S. ; J. C. Detlor, M.A. ;
James Fowler, James McCluskey, J. W. Richardson, T.
N. Colgan, T. J. Dreany, J. W. Deegan, E. C. A. Eley, Wm.
Lidkea, E. Brandon, M.D., J. Cleminson, C. Putnam and
S. Weegar.**

**Quarterly Board—J. C. Detlor, J. W. Richardson, E. Brandon,
M.D., James Fowler, T. N. Colgan, E. C. A. Eley, Walter
Moorehouse, J. H. Shaw, C.E., T. J. Dreany, J. W. Dee-
gon, Wm. Lidkea, W. J. Stark, Mrs. J. C. Detlor, Mrs. Jas.
Fowler. J. C. Detlor, Recording Steward ; E. Brandon,
M. D., Envelope Steward.**

Building Committee—T. N. Colgan, Chairman ; J. H. Shaw, J. W. Richardson, C. C. Begg, J. W. Deegan, Treasurer ; W. Martin, Jr., Secretary.

HUGH MURRAY, Grand Secretary Grand Lodge A. F. & A. M. of Canada.

(SEAL)

North Bay, Ontario, June 20, 1906.

The Acting Grand Treasurer then deposited the phial containing the coins of the Dominion, together with certain newspapers and records, in the cavity of the stone.

The Grand Wardens and the Deputy Grand Master applied the implements of their office to the stone, after it had been placed in position, and announced that the Craftsmen had done their duty.

The Grand Master then consecrated the stone with corn, wine and oil, and pronounced it well made, truly laid, well proved, true and trusty.

Grand Honors were then given under the direction of the Acting Grand Director of Ceremonies.

On the invitation of the Grand Master, R. W. Bro. Judge H. D. Leask, Acting Deputy Grand Master, addressed the assembled audience, after which Rev. J. W. Stewart made a fitting reply on behalf of the congregation.

The Choir then sang an anthem, after which Rev. Mr. Stewart invited Mayor Purvis, of North Bay, to address the assemblage.

The Acting Grand Chaplain invoked a blessing, and the procession was re-formed, the brethren returning to the Masonic Hall, when the Grand Lodge was closed in due form.

ATTEST :



Hugh Murray
Grand Secretary.

GRAND LODGE OF CANADA IN THE PROVINCE OF ONTARIO.

*At the Fifty-first Annual Communication of the Grand
Lodge of A. F. & A. M. of Canada, in the Province
of Ontario, held in the City of Toronto, commencing
on Wednesday the eighteenth day of July, A. D.
1906, A. L. 5906.*

PRESENT:

THE GRAND MASTER,

M. W. Bro. James H. Burritt, K. C., on the Throne.

THE DEPUTY GRAND MASTER,

R. W. Bro. Augustus T. Freed.

R. W. Bro. W. G. Eakins	as Grand Senior Warden.
R. W. Bro. H. T. White	Grand Junior Warden.
R. W. Bro. Rev. F. E. Howitt.....	Grand Chaplain.
M. W. Bro. Hon. Wm. Gibson.....	as Grand Treasurer.
M. W. Bro. Hugh Murray	Grand Secretary.
R. W. Bro. J. S. Dewar	as Grand Registrar.
V. W. Bro. John G. Forgie	Grand Senior Deacon.
V. W. Bro. Henry T. Smith	Grand Junior Deacon.
V. W. Bro. Thos. W. Barber	Grand Dir. of Cer.
V. W. Bro. Albert J. Brown	Asst. Grand Dir. of Cer.
W. Bro. Geo. Nichol	as Grand Sword Bearer.
R. W. Bro. J. C. Morgan	as Grand Organist.
W. Bro. W. Hay	as Asst. Grand Organist.
W. Bro. F. B. Kennard	as Grand Supt. of Works.
R. W. Bro. H. T. Drope	as Grand Pursuivant.
V. W. Bro. Thomas Pedlar	} Grand Stewards.
W. Bro. S. J. Gardley	
V. W. Bro. John Smeaton	
V. W. Bro. Jabez H. Elliott	} Grand Stand'd Bearers.
V. W. Bro. Jos. B. Pearce	
Bro. James M. Pritchard	
	Grand Tyler.

DISTRICT DEPUTY GRAND MASTERS,

		District No.
R. W. Bro. Geo B. Crumb.....	Erie	1
" S. E. Cornell	St. Clair	2
" J. A. Tancock	London	3
" L. H. Dickson	South Huron	4
" Peter McLaren	North Huron	5
" J. R. Waddle.	Wilson	6

R. W. Bro. W. G. Stephenson.....	Wellington	District No. 7	
" J. O. McGregor	Hamilton	"	8
" A. D. Knight	Georgian	"	9
" Robert McDonald	Niagara	"	10
" E. M. Carleton.....	Toronto West	"	11
" Fred W. Harcourt	Toronto East	"	11a
" J. W. Watson	Ontario	"	12
" W. S. Herrington	Frontenac	"	14
" W. H. Waddell	St. Lawrence	"	15
" A. S. Gorrell	Ottawa	"	16
" H. D. Leask	Nipissing	"	18
" A. Carmichael	Muskoka	"	19
" John Hull	Otonabee	"	20
" A. M. Fulton	Eastern	"	21

GRAND REPRESENTATIVES

FROM GRAND LODGE OF

M. W. Bro. Benjamin Allen	Ireland.	
R. W. Bro. R. L. Gunn	British Columbia.	
R. W. Bro. J. A. C. Anderson	New Brunswick.	
M. W. Bro. Hon. Wm. Gibson.....	Quebec.	
R. W. Bro. D. D. Campbell ...	New South Wales.	
R. W. Bro. L. Secord, M. D.....	New Zealand.	
M. W. Bro. J. H. Burritt, K. C....	South Australia.	
R. W. Bro. Alfred E. Webster	Tasmania.	
R. W. Bro. A. T. Freed	Alabama.	
R. W. Bro. J. G. Hegler, K.C.....	Arkansas.	
M. W. Bro. A. A. Stevenson	Connecticut.	
M. W. Bro. Henry Robertson, K.C..	District of Columbia.	
R. W. Bro. G. H. Clendennan.....	Florida.	
M. W. Bro. W. R. White, K.C.....	Georgia.	
V. W. Bro. J. K. Flock, K.C.....	Idaho.	
R. W. Bro. Abraham Shaw	Illinois.	
M. W. Bro. Hon. J. K. Kerr, K.C...	Indiana.	
R. W. Bro. W. G. Reid	Kansas.	
R. W. Bro. D. F. Macwatt, K.C....	Louisiana.	
R. W. Bro. C. N. Postlethwaite...	Maine.	
R. W. Bro. Aubrey White	Maryland.	
M. W. Bro. A. A. Stevenson.....	Minnesota.	
M. W. Bro. J. K. Kerr, K.C.....	Missouri.	
M. W. Bro. Hon. J. M. Gibson, K.C.	Montana.	
R. W. Bro. William Roaf	Nebraska.	
V. W. Bro. J. A. Cowan	New Hampshire.	
M. W. Bro. Hon. J. K. Kerr, K.C...	New Jersey.	
R. W. Bro. William Rea	New Mexico.	
M. W. Bro. Hugh Murray	New York.	
R. W. Bro. J. S. Dewar	North Dakota.	
R. W. Bro. Burley Burch	Ohio.	
R. W. Bro. J. G. Liddell	Oklahoma.	
R. W. Bro. H. A. Collins	Rhode Island.	
R. W. Bro. Thos. C. Macnabb	South Carolina.	
R. W. Bro. Jas. McLachlan	Tennessee.	
M. W. Bro. Hon. J. K. Kerr, K.C...	Texas.	

GRAND REPRESENTATIVES

FROM GRAND LODGE OF

M. W. Bro. Hon. J. K. Kerr, K. C...	Utah.
R. W. Bro. S. A. Luke	Vermont.
R. W. Bro. W. C. Wilkinson	Washington.
M. W. Bro. J. E. Harding, K. C...	West Virginia.
R. W. Bro. Henry Rush	Wisconsin.
M. W. Bro. A. A. Stevenson	Brazil.
V. W. Bro. A. L. Malone	Chili.
R. W. Bro. Geo. Tait... ..	The Island of Cuba.
R. W. Bro. W. G. Eakins	Hungary.
R. W. Bro. G. G. Rowe	Italy.

PAST GRAND OFFICERS.

Past Grand Masters—A. A. Stevenson, Hon. J. K. Kerr, Hugh Murray, Henry Robertson, Hon. J. M. Gibson, W. R. White, Hon. Wm. Gibson, J. E. Harding, Benjamin Allen, William A. Sutherland (honorary).

Past District Deputy Grand Masters—R. W. Bros. J. A. C. Anderson, G. J. Bennett, E. B. Brown, Jos. Beck, Edward Burns, W. F. Bald, J. C. Bartle, J. K. Bryden, C. H. Connor, A. Cowan, D. D. Campbell, A. M. Cunningham, W. Cowan, Donald Ross, J. S. Dewar, E. J. B. Duncan, E. T. Essery, E. Fitzgerald, C. F. Farwell, James Glanville, R. L. Gunn, W. S. Garner, J. H. A. Gould, J. A. Houston, A. C. Hutchison, F. G. Henwood, Isaac Huber, R. R. Hopkins, Robt. Irvine, H. J. Johnston, W. Jaques, Wm. Kennedy, F. A. Latshaw, J. G. Liddell, John Malloy, D. F. Macwatt, Geo. Malcolm, Curran Morrison, D. B. Miller, J. A. Macfadden, T. C. McNabb, W. H. McFadden, A. McDougall, H. A. Nicholls, John Nettleton, J. B. Nixon, J. W. Porteous, H. Pringle, Wm. Roaf, A. M. Ross, James Ross, Wm. Rea, D. Robertson, W. H. Robinson, D. B. Simpson, John Shaw, A. Shaw, J. H. Scott, W. G. Stevenson, Geo. Somerville, W. T. Toner, J. B. Tiernay, Aubrey White, J. W. Wright, W. H. Walkey, Ed. Worth, A. F. Webster, A. J. Whitby, James Walmsley, John Wilson, A. J. Young.

Past Grand Senior Wardens—R. W. Bros. W. G. Eakins, Allen McLean, C. W. Postlethwaite, W. B. Race, L. Secord.

Past Grand Junior Wardens—R. W. Bros. R. V. Matthews, G. G. Rowe, Henry Rush.

Past Grand Chaplains—R. W. Bros. W. L. Baynes-Reid, William Farcomb.

Past Grand Registrars—R. W. Bros. Malcolm Gibbs, H. C. Wilkinson.

Past Grand Senior Deacons—R. W. Bro. J. Y. Egan.

Past Grand Stewards—V. W. Bros. F. Davey Diamond, W. S. Morden.

Past Grand Organists—V. W. Bro. Raymond Walker.

Past Grand Superintendent of Works—V. W. Bro. C. F. Mansell.

Past Grand Standard Bearers—V. W. Bro. Robt. Cuthbert, J. W. Jones.

Before the opening of Grand Lodge the members of the City Council were introduced and extended a hearty welcome to the Grand Lodge, to which the Most Worshipful the Grand Master made suitable reply.

A constitutional number of Lodges being represented, the Grand Lodge was opened in ample form at 11.30 o'clock a. m., and the Grand Chaplain implored a blessing from the G. A. O. T. U. upon the proceedings.

The Worshipful Masters of the Toronto Lodges then presented the following address of welcome:

To Most Worshipful Bro. J. H. Burritt, K. C., Grand Master of the Grand Lodge A. F. & A. M. of Canada, in the Province of Ontario:

MOST WORSHIPFUL SIR:

On behalf of the Masons of Toronto we gladly embrace the opportunity presented by the Fifty-first Annual Communication of Grand Lodge, to welcome you, Most Worshipful Sir, and with you the officers and visiting members of Grand Lodge, to our fair city.

As Masons we welcome you as our Grand Master, because of our loyalty to Grand Lodge and the high office which you so ably fill, but we welcome you the more because of the genuine fraternal affection which we have learned to feel towards you personally during the first year of your occupancy of the Grand East.

A year ago, to many of us, you were more or less a stranger, to-day we know you as a well beloved elder brother, jealous for our welfare, tolerant of our infirmities and ever ready to give your time and to devote your ability in aid of any lodge and of any brother needing or seeking your assistance. The progress made by Grand Lodge during the past year, and the manner in which you have discharged the duties of your high office as Grand Master, have more than justified the expectations of your brethren of Grand Lodge, to whom you have long been known through your associations with a most difficult phase of Masonic work, as a Master Workman well skilled in our noble art and ever devoted to the highest ideals of Masonry. You have been faithful to the sacred trust reposed in you. You have been careful to safeguard the ancient landmarks of our Institution. You have required, as a Master Workman should, that the work of your Craftsmen be straight and true, but withal you have ever exhibited towards your brethren that true brotherly love which is the foundation and capstone, the cement and glory of our ancient fraternity.

In conclusion, Most Worshipful Sir, may we express the hope that the deliberations and labors of this communication

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of Grand Lodge may result in a deepening and strengthening of the Masonic spirit throughout the jurisdiction.

Signed on behalf of the brethren of Toronto

(Signed) D. D. G. M. District No. 11.
D. D. G. M. District No. 11a.
and the Masters of the 18
Lodges in Toronto.

Toronto, July 17, 1906.

To which the Grand Master made suitable reply.

COMMITTEE ON CREDENTIALS.

R. W. Bro. Wm. Roaf, Chairman of the Committee on Credentials of representatives and proxies from lodges reported that there are 390 warranted lodges on the register; 279 are represented by their duly qualified officers; 65 are represented by proxy; 29 are not represented by proxy but have Past Masters present; 57 are unrepresented in any way. There are 994 names registered, having a total of 1,458 votes.

The following are the names of those present:

No. 2. Niagara, Niagara.

W. Bro. J. Dew Randall, W. M.; W. Bros. J. G. Rousseaux, J. H. Brown, W. E. Lyall and J. G. Bottomley, P. M's.

No. 3. The Ancient St. John's, Kingston.

Bro. Dr. O. W. Daley, S. W.; W. Bros. G. W. Gaden and Geo. Creegan, P. M's.

No. 5. Sussex, Brockville.

W. Bro. J. A. Derbyshire, W. M.

No. 6. The Barton, Hamilton.

M. W. Bro. Wm. Gibson, P. G. M.; R. W. Bro. A. T. Freed, W. Bros. Geo. Moore and W. E. Henderson, P. M's.

No. 7. Union, Grimsby.

W. Bro. W. B. Calder, W. M.; R. W. Bro. W. J. Drope, W. Bros. A. F. Hawke, C. W. Harrison, W. F. Randall and W. F. Clarke, P. M's.

No. 9. Union, Napanee.

W. Bro. E. J. Walters, W. M.; R. W. Bro. W. T. Harrington and W. Bro. Rev. F. T. Dibb, P. M's.

No. 10. Norfolk, Simcoe.

W. Bro. W. C. Everett, W. M., and W. Bro. H. P. Innis, P. M.

No. 11. Molra, Belleville.

W. Bro. H. T. Ketchison, W. M. ; V. W. Bro. W. S. Mor-
den and W. Bro. John Newton, P. M's.

No. 14. True Britons, Perth.

W. Bro. W. T. Hands, W. M., and W. Bro. W. C. Me-
Ceney, P. M.

No. 15. St. George's, St. Catharines.

W. Bro. A. T. Riddell, W. M. ; R. W. Bro. C. H. Connor
and J. G. Harris, P. M's.

No. 16. St. Andrew's, Toronto.

W. Bro. A. E. Hagerman, W. M. ; Bro. J. W. Rogers, S.
W. ; R. W. Bros. Geo. Tait, W. C. Wilkinson, J. Glan-
ville, V. W. Bro. H. T. Smith, W. Bros. L. H. Luke, A.
C. Ailidge, J. T. Slater, F. M. Bell Smith, John Pear-
son, W. F. Chapman, W. F. McMaster, J. S. Lovell, A.
P. McDonald, Geo. Burch and Fred Dain, P. M's.

No. 17. St. John's, Cobourg.

W. Bros. J. H. Davidson, W. M., and J. J. Kerr, P. M.

No. 18. Prince Edward, Picton.

W. Bro. H. E. Tobey, W. M. ; R. W. Bro. Donald Ross,
J. W. Wright, and W. Bro. G. M. Hermiston, P. M's.

No. 20. St. John's, London.

W. Bro. Thos. Rowe, W. M. ; R. W. Bro. J. A. Tancock,
P. M.

No. 22. King Solomon's, Toronto.

Bro. W. Stinson, S. W. ; R. W. Bro. Aubrey White, V.
W. Bro. Raymond Walker, W. Bros. R. Holme, W.
Anderson, John McKerracher, A. A. Davis, W. A. Lyon,
G. B. Newberry, T. Newton, W. A. Scott, W. H. Wal-
kem, N. T. Lyon, P. M's.

No. 23. Richmond, Richmond Hill.

W. Bro. T. A. Lawson, W. M. ; R. W. Bro. H. A. Nichol,
W. Bro. R. A. Farquharson, T. H. French, J. Crossley,
T. F. McMahon, P. M's.

No. 24. St. Francis, Smith's Falls.

R. W. Bro. J. A. Houston, W. Bros. G. T. Martin and
W. Hyndman, Proxy, P. M's.

No. 25. Ionic, Toronto.

W. Bro. G. H. D. Lee, W. M. ; Bro. H. N. Mowatt, J.W. ;
M. W. Bro. J. K. Kerr, R. W. Bros. G. J. Bennett, C. W.
Postlethwaite, F. W. Harcourt, W. G. Eakins, Wm.
Roaf, E. B. Brown, W. Bros. J. R. Roaf, J. A. McAndrew,
A. W. Porte, D. J. Groggin and K. J. Dunstan, P. M's.

No. 26. Ontario, Port Hope.

W. Bro. Thos. Iver, W. M.

No. 27. Strict Observance, Hamilton.

W. Bro. W. C. Breckenridge, W. M. ; R. W. Bro. R. L.
Gunn and W. Bro. J. H. Collinson.

- No. 28.** Mount Zion, Kemptville.
W. Bro. W. L. Phelps, W. M.
- No. 29.** United, Brighton.
W. Bros. D. R. Davidson, W. M. ; C. A. Lopp, A. Burke,
B. C. Becker and G. E. Newman, P. M's.
- No. 30.** Composite, Whitby.
W. Bro. W. M. Pringle, W. M. ; Bros. J. J. Lynd, S. W. ;
A. T. Lawlor, J. W., R. W. Bro. A. M. Ross, W. Bros. J.
S. White, P. Taylor, F. Hatch, Chas. King, W. J. H.
Richardson and A. G. Henderson, P. M's.
- No. 31.** Jerusalem, Bowmanville.
W. Bro. J. S. Patterson, W. M. ; R. W. Bro. D. B. Simp-
son, P. M.
- No. 32.** Amity, Dunnville.
W. Bro. J. A. Schofield, A. G. W. Connolly, P. M's.
- No. 33.** Maitland, Goderich.
W. Bro. W. F. Gallow, W. M. ; R. W. Bro. Jos. Beck, W.
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- No. 277.** Seymour, Port Dalhousie.
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- No. 279.** New Hope, Hespeler.
W. Bro. A. Jordan, W. M. ; W. Bros. J. Jardine, W. Renwick, W. H. Hearn, R. G. Scott, P. Jardine and John Stark, P. M's.
- No. 282.** Lorne, Glencoe.
W. Bro. D. Henderson, proxy, and W. Bro. W. K. Foucar, P. M.
- No. 283.** Eureka, Belleville.
W. Bro. C. M. Sulman, W. M. ; V. W. Bro. F. D. Diamond, P. M.
- No. 284.** St. John's, Brussels.
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- No. 285.** Seven Star, Alliston.
W. Bro. H. Norris, P. M., proxy.
- No. 286.** Wingham Wingham.
W. Bros. H. J. Bell, W. M., and John Ritchie, P. M.
- No. 287.** Shuniah, Port Arthur.
W. Bro. F. B. Allen, W. M.
- No. 289.** Doric, Lobo.
W. Bros. D. A. Graham and J. D. Dewar, P. M's.
- No. 290.** Leamington, Leamington.
W. Bro. Thos. Rowley, W. M., and R. W. Bro. R. Hillard, P. M.
- No. 291.** Dufferin, W. Flamboro.
W. Bro. J. K. Minchin, W. M. ; R. W. Bro. F. A. Latshaw and W. Bro. David Bell, P. M's.
- No. 292.** Robertson, King.
W. Bros. G. R. Egan, W. M., and A. D. Carley, P. M.
- No. 294.** Moore, Courtright.
R. W. Bro. D. B. Miller, proxy.
- No. 295.** Conestoga, Drayton.
V. W. Bro. W. H. Smith, proxy.
- No. 296.** Temple, St. Catharines.
Bro. C. Brown, J. W. ; R. W. Bro. D. Robertson, W. Bros. C. J. Lovelace, J. Henderson, E. F. Dwyer, P. M's.
- No. 297.** Preston, Preston.
W. Bro. J. A. Hallman, W. M. ; R. W. Bro. D. B. Miller, P. M.
- No. 299.** Victoria, Centreville.
W. Bro. Wm. H. Aylesworth, W. M.

- No. 300.** Mount Olivet, Thorndale.
W. Bro. F. W. McCutcheon, W. M.; W. Bros. R. L. Guest and J. L. Guest, P. M's.
- No. 302.** St. David's, St. Thomas.
W. Bro. E. W. Honsinger, W. M.
- No. 303.** Blyth, Blyth.
R. W. Bro. J. B. Tiernay, P. M.
- No. 304.** Minerva, Stroud.
W. Bro. J. F. Ardill, W. M.
- No. 305.** Humber, Weston.
W. Bro. W. H. Gemmal, W. M.; W. Bros. W. Welby, J. Gardhouse, Jacob Bull and Wm. C. Burrage, P. M's.
- No. 306.** Durham, Durham.
W. Bros. W. E. Brooker, W. M., and Arthur Guir, P. M.
- No. 307.** Arkona, Arkona.
W. Bros. Frank Crawford, W. M., and H. J. Brander, P. M.
- No. 309.** Morning Star, Smith's Hill.
W. Bro. Alex. Robertson, W. M.
- No. 311.** Blackwood Woodbridge.
W. Bro. A. Maynard, W. M.; Bro. J. C. Smith, J. W.;
W. Bro. F. A. Agar, P. M.
- No. 312.** Pnyx, Wallaceburg.
W. Bro. R. J. Watts, W. M.
- No. 313.** Clementi, Lakefield.
R. W. Bro. John Hull, proxy.
- No. 314.** Blair, Palmerston.
Bro. W. McEwen, S. W.
- No. 316.** Doric, Toronto.
W. Bro. J. Woodland, W. M.; Bros. Carr Simpson, S. W.; W. F. Belger, J. W.; W. Bros. H. Leason, T. New, J. A. Corsan, W. F. Tasker, J. E. Cook, W. McCartney, A. Pearson, H. A. Collins, B. N. Davis and A. M. Brown, P. M's.
- No. 318.** Willmott, Baden.
W. Bro. T. Holwell, proxy, P. M.
- No. 319.** Hiram, Hagersville.
R. W. Bro. R. McDonald, P. M., proxy.
- No. 320.** Chesterville Chesterville.
Bro. G. H. Steer, J. W.; R. W. Bro. A. M. Fulton, D. D. G. M.
- No. 322.** North Star, Owen Sound.
W. Bro. John A. Richardson, W. M.; W. Bros. W. A. Bishop, J. Miller, W. H. Wright and Henry Wright, Jr., P. M's.
- No. 323.** Alvinston, Alvinston.
W. Bro. R. M. E. McDermid, W. M.

- No. 324.** Temple, Hamilton.
V. W. Bro. Thomas Pedler, P. M.
- No. 325.** Orono, Orono.
W. Bros. Joseph Henry, W. M.; T. W. Leggatt and John Davy, P. M's.
- No. 326.** Zetland, Toronto.
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- No. 327.** The Hammond, Wardville.
W. Bro. R. Wehlan, W. M.
- No. 329.** King Solomon's, Jarvis.
R. W. Bro. W. Jacques, P. M., proxy.
- No. 330.** Corinthian, London East.
W. Bros. R. Johnston, W. M., and A. H. Brenner, P. M.
- No. 331.** Fordwich, Fordwich.
W. Bro. A. C. Hutchinson, P. M.
- No. 332.** Stratford, Stratford.
W. Bro. F. B. Deacon, W. M.; Bros. A. Knetchell, S. W.; W. J. Clark, J. W.; R. W. Bro. J. A. McFadden, W. Bros. W. G. Irwin, A. Tilley, D. G. Robertson and R. M. Cassella, P. M's.
- No. 333.** Prince Arthur, Flesherton.
W. Bros. John Wright, proxy, and F. Hicking, P. M.
- No. 334.** Prince Arthur, Arthur.
W. Bros. W. S. Buschlin, W. M., and Geo. Hudson, P. M.
- No. 336.** Highgate, Highgate.
W. Bro. J. W. Raycroft, W. M., and G. W. Moody, P. M.
- No. 338.** Dufferin, Wellandport.
Bro. R. J. Gracey, J. W.; W. Bros. J. S. Cohoe, J. Steward, N. Shapley, J. R. Goring and H. Gracey, P. M's.
- No. 339.** Orient, Toronto.
W. Bro. Ed. Mack, W. M.; R. W. Bro. F. G. Henwood, W. Bros. Geo. Moore, A. Gillies, F. H. Anderson, James Hewitt, B. Carns, H. Mack, J. W. Thompson, J. McFarlane, Ira Bates, G. N. Ferrier and A. B. Crosby, P. M's.
- No. 341.** Bruce, Tiverton.
W. Bro. C. F. Fawcett, W. M.; W. Bro. J. M. Bowie, P. M.
- No. 343.** Georgina Toronto.
W. Bro. C. B. Murray, W. M.; R. W. Bro. H. T. White, W. Bro. C. Lavery, P. M's.

- No. 344.** **Merrill, Dorchester Station.**
W. Bro. C. A. Hunt, W. M.
- No. 345.** **Nilestown, Nilestown.**
W. Bros. F. Burton, W. M., and Donald Fraser, P. M.
- No. 346.** **The Occident, Toronto.**
W. Bro. J. M. Marks, W. M. ; R. W. Bro. E. J. B. Duncan, W. Bros. W. W. Barber, G. V. Foster, J. S. Williams, Fred. Prince, W. J. King, H. G. Brown, Alf. Curran and John Muir, P. M's.
- No. 347.** **Mercer, Fergus.**
W. Bro. T. N. Wansborough, P. M.
- No. 348.** **Georgian, Penetanguishene.**
W. Bro. Geo. Robinson, W. M.
- No. 352.** **Granite, Parry Sound.**
R. W. Bro. A. J. Whitby, W. M.
- No. 354.** **Brock, Cannington.**
W. Bro. Thos. Foster, P. M., proxy.
- No. 356.** **River Park, Streetsville.**
W. Bro. M. S. Mercer, W. M.
- No. 357.** **Waterdown, Millgrove.**
Bro. J. A. Vann, J. W. ; R. W. Bro. J. O. McGregor, P.M.
- No. 359.** **Vittoria, Vittoria.**
Bro. A. H. Smith, J. W.
- No. 360.** **Muskoka, Bracebridge.**
W. Bro. H. Bird, W. M. ; R. W. Bro. I. Huber, W. Bros. T. B. Warne, Jas. Whitten, P. A. Smith and Richard Miles, P. M's.
- No. 361.** **Waverley, Guelph.**
W. Bro. W. A. Clark, P. M., proxy.
- No. 362.** **Maple Leaf, Tara.**
Bro. W. C. Croome, J. W.
- No. 367.** **St. George, Toronto.**
W. Bro. R. W. Brennan, W. M. ; Bro. Wm. Connor, J. W. ; W. Bros. J. Drew, A. G. Harwood, W. J. Gny, A. E. Gault, F. Denton, S. Nelson and J. Saunders, P. M.
- No. 368.** **Salem, Brockville.**
W. Bro. E. A. Guger, P. M., proxy.
- No. 369.** **Mimico, Lambton Mills.**
W. Bros. A. D. Rice, P. M., proxy ; A. McKinnon, R. A. Montgomery, J. T. Gilmore, E. Bull, J. G. Musson and W. R. Gray, P. M's.
- No. 371.** **Prince of Wales, Ottawa.**
W. Bro. E. J. Shane, W. M. ; R. W. Bro. John Wilson and W. Bro. Northwood, P. M's.
- No. 372.** **Palmer, Bridgeburg.**
W. Bro. F. T. Patterson, W. M.

No. 373. Copestone, Welland.

W. Bro. Rev. Gabriel Johnston, W. M. ; W. Bro. G. H. Pettit and E. P. Robins, P. M.

No. 374. Keene, Keene.

W. Bro. John Bushell and V. W. Bro. J. McNeill, P. M's.

No. 376. Unity, Huntsville.

W. Bros. S. A. Hutchinson, W. M. ; J. B. Reece, J. E. Fisher and D. M. Grant, P. M's.

No. 377. Lorne, Shelburne.

W. Bro. J. A. Mills, W. M. ; Bro. Jas. Higgins, S. W.

No. 378. King Solomon's, London West.

W. Bro. J. T. McDougald, W. M. ; R. W. Bro. E. T. Esery, W. Bros. W. J. Element, R. Oise and Geo. Shilson, P. M's.

No. 379. Middlesex, Bryanston.

W. Bro. W. A. Roberts, W. M.

No. 380. Union, London.

W. Bros. E. S. Crawford, W. M. ; W. T. Davidson and B. Noble, P. M's.

No. 382. Doric, Hamilton.

W. Bro. C. M. Sinclair, W. M. ; Bros. J. W. Harvey, J. W. ; F. S. Corson, S. W. ; Geo. H. Lannigan, T. Smith, A. B. Clark, P. M's.

No. 383. Henderson, Winchester.

W. Bro. Salem Coons, P. M., proxy, and S. S. Reveler, P. M's.

No. 384. Alpha, Toronto.

W. Bro. R. A. Porter, W. M. ; Bros. W. C. Scully, S. W. ; R. W. Rogers, J. W. ; W. Bros. D. Gray, J. Larch, S. Hobbs, F. E. Luke and R. R. Thompson, P. M's.

No. 385. Spry, Beeton.

W. Bro. A. R. Mills, W. M. ; Bro. H. F. Moore, S. W. ; R. W. Bro. Geo. Crystal, P. M.

No. 386. McColl, West Lorne.

W. Bro. D. M. Leitch, W. M.

No. 389. Crystal Fountain, North Augusta.

W. Bro. W. H. Waddell, P. M., proxy.

No. 390. Florence, Florence.

W. Bro. D. E. McDonald, P. M.

No. 391. Howard, Ridgetown.

R. W. Bro. J. A. C. Anderson, P. M., proxy.

No. 393. Forest, Chesley.

W. Bro. W. S. Ross, P. M.

No. 394. King Solomon, Thamesford.

W. Bros. Thos. Abbott, W. M. F. Patterson, J. F. Lloyd and R. F. O'Neill, P. M's.

- No. 395.** Parvair, Comber.
W. Bro. A. J. Brown, P. M., proxy.
- No. 396.** Cedar, Warton.
R. W. Bro. Jas. Walmsley, P. M., proxy ; W. Bros. R. A. Watt and S. J. Cameron, P. M's.
- No. 397.** Leopold, Bridgen.
W. Bro. W. J. Neil, W. M.
- No. 400.** Oakville, Oakville.
R. W. Bro. W. H. Robinson, P. M. ; W. Bro. W. A. Chisholm, P. M., proxy.
- No. 402.** Windsor, Windsor.
W. Bro. A. Miers, W. M. ; Bros. A. D. Bowlby, S. W. ; H. D. Drake, J. W. ; W. Bros. F. P. Garvin, R. H. Revell and C. Kaller, P. M's.
- No. 405.** Mattawa, Mattawa.
W. Bro. C. H. Haentschel, P. M., proxy.
- No. 406.** The Spry, Fenelon Falls.
W. Bro. F. H. Magee, W. M. ; R. W. Bro. E. Fitzgerald, W. Bro. W. H. Robson and F. A. McDearmid, P. M's.
- No. 408.** Murray, Beaverton.
W. Bro. D. W. Walls, W. M.
- No. 409.** Golden Rule, Gravenhurst.
W. Bros. W. W. McPhee and J. H. Elliott, P. M's.
- No. 410.** Zeta, Toronto.
W. Bro. Edmund Barber, W. M. ; Bro. J. G. Bane, S. W. ; R. W. Bro. G. G. Rowe, W. Bros. T. W. Todd, J. C. Gray, G. T. Pendrith, W. R. Cavill, R. C. Griffith, T. G. Malcolm and D. Grigg, P. M's.
- No. 412.** Keystone, Sault Ste. Marie.
W. Bro. H. P. Broughton, W. M. ; V. W. Bro. W. B. Race and J. B. Way, P. M's.
- No. 414.** Pequonga, Kenora.
R. W. Bro. J. K. Bryden, P. M.
- No. 415.** Fort William, Fort William.
W. Bro. Geo. A. Grant, W. M.
- No. 416.** Lyn, Lyn.
W. Bro. A. E. Cumming, P. M., proxy.
- No. 418.** Maxville, Maxville.
W. Bro. Geo. Chalmers, P. M.
- No. 419.** Bismarck, Point Edward.
W. Bros. J. E. Mitchell, W. M., and O. S. Clarke, P. M.
- No. 420.** Nipissing, North Bay.
W. Bro. Geo. W. Lee, P. M., proxy ; R. W. Bros. A. J. Young, H. D. Leach and G. W. Liddle, P. M's.

No. 421. Scott, Grand Valley.

W. Bro. J. W. McClelland, P. M., proxy ; R. W. Bro. R. R. Hopkins, W. Bros. W. McIntyre and J. A. V. Preston, P. M's.

No. 422. Star of the East Bothwell.

W. Bro. J. B. McMurrich, P. M., proxy ; W. Bro. H. H. Kelley, P. M.

No. 423. Strong, Sundridge.

W. Bro. A. E. French, W. M., and R. W. Bro. A. Carmichael, P. M.

No. 424. Doric, Pickering.

W. Bro. G. W. P. Every, W. M. ; Bro. F. C. Harper, J. W.

No. 425. St. Clair, Sombra.

W. Bros. A. W. Stover, W. M., and R. A. Stokes, P. M.

No. 426. Stanley, W. Toronto Junction.

W. Bro. Thos. Ferguson, W. M. ; Bros. J. T. McMullin, S. W. ; W. Spear, J. W. ; W. Bros. A. J. Anderson, J. Haggas, A. H. Perfect, J. A. Ellis, T. G. White, J. R. Royce, G. W. Clendenan, W. J. Sheppard, R. L. McCormack, A. H. Royce, P. Ellis and J. W. Wansbrough, P. M's.

No. 428. Fidelity Port Perry.

W. Bro. C. H. Alliston, W. M. ; W. Bro. H. G. Hutchinson, F. E. Harrison, A. J. Dair and M. A. Beatty, P. M's.

No. 429. Port Elgin, Port Elgin.

W. Bros. W. H. Marrs, P. M., proxy, and Geo. W. Smith, P. M.

No. 430. Acacia, East Toronto.

W. Bro. J. W. Johnson, W. M. ; Bros. A. J. Johnson, S. W. ; W. J. Clay, J. W. ; R. W. Bro. Rev. Baynes Reed, W. Bros. John Parcell, W. H. Grant, J. Richardson and C. Fitzpatrick, P. M's.

No. 431. Moravian, Eden Grove.

W. Bro. Jas. Dougal, P. M., proxy.

No. 432. Hanover, Hanover.

Bro. Chas. Kuehner, S. W.

No. 434. Algonquin, Elmsdale.

W. Bro. D. W. Campbell, P. M.

No. 435. Havelock, Havelock.

W. Bro. A. Kniewasser, W. M. ; W. Bro. J. Dorricott and E. Williams, P. M's.

No. 436. Burns, Hepworth.

W. Bro. R. C. Reid, W. M.

No. 437. Tuscan, Sarnia.

W. Bro. C. S. Cameron, W. M. ; Bro. Alex. Joss, S. W. ; R. W. Bro. S. E. Cornell, Wm. Oldham, P. M's.

- No. 438. Harmony, Toronto.**
W. Bro. A. M. Kennedy, W. M.; V. W. Bro. J. G. Egaz,
W. Bros. T. McQueen, W. H. Shaw, L. K. Cameron and
A. L. E. Davis, P. M's.
- No. 440. Arcadia, Minden.**
W. Bro. D. J. Hartle, W. M., and R. W. Bro. J. W. Wat-
son, P. M.
- No. 441. Westport, Westport.**
W. Bro. A. W. Gray, P. M.
- No. 444. Nitatia, Creemore.**
W. Bro. John A. Bell, P. M., proxy.
- No. 447. Sturgeon Falls, Sturgeon Falls.**
Bro. Jesse Bradford, S. W.
- No. 449. Dundalk, Dundalk.**
W. Bro. J. F. Vandusen, P. M.
- No. 451. Somerville, Kinmount.**
W. Bro. R. Smith, W. M.,
- No. 452. Avonmore, Avonmore.**
W. Bro. C. A. McPherson, W. M.
- No. 453. Royal, Fort William.**
W. Bro. A. McDougall, P. M., proxy.
- No. 454. Corona, Burk's Falls.**
W. Bro. J. W. Harris, W. M.
- No. 456. Elma, Monkton.**
W. Bros. J. C. Ellacott, W. M., and A. Chalmers, P. M.
- No. 457. Century, Merlin.**
Bro. E. W. Neal, S. W.
- No. 458. Wales, Wales.**
W. Bro. Oscar C. Pett, W. M.
- No. 459. Temiscaming, New Liskeard.**
W. Bros. T. W. Haynes, W. M., and E. R. Anderson, P. M.
- No. 463. North Entrance, Haliburton.**
W. Bros. Sydney Johnston, W. M., and Wm. Giles, P. M.
- No. 464. King Edward, Sunderland.**
W. Bros. J. L. Tipp, W. M., and John Thompson, P. M.
- No. 465. Carleton, Carp.**
W. Bro. Geo. N. Kidd, P. M.
- No. 467. Tottenham, Tottenham.**
Bro. James Fraser, J. W.
- No. 468. Peel, Caledon East.**
Bro. Jos. Proctor, S. W.

- No. 469.** **Algoma, Sault Ste. Marie.**
W. Bro. W. L. Nichols, W. M. ; R. W. Bro. C. F. Farewell, P. M.
- No. 471.** **King Edward VII. Chippewa.**
W. Bro. Geo. H. Brown, W. M.
- No. 472.** **Gore Bay, Gore Bay.**
Bro. Rev. J. D. Byrens, J. W.
- No. 473.** **The Beaches, Balmy Beach.**
W. Bro. J. McP. Ross, W. M., and Bro. G. M. Ritchie, J. W.
- No. 474.** **Victoria, Toronto Junction.**
W. Bro. W. J. Sheppard, W. M.
- No. 475.** **Dundurn, Hamilton.**
W. Bro. John Hooper, W. M.
- No. 476.** **Corinthian, North Gower.**
Bro. B. S. Sheldqn, S. W.

Letters of regret for non-attendance were read from the following brethren: M. W. Bros. J. Ross Robertson, Historian; E. T. Malone, Grand Treasurer; R. W. Bros. F. J. Howell, Grand Senior Warden; W. N. Ponton D. D. G. M. of Prince Edward District No. 13, and W. D. McPherson and A. E. Dymont, members of the Board of General Purposes.

The M. W. the Grand Master granted permission for the admission to the gallery of all Master Masons in good standing as visitors.

The Grand Secretary read the rules and regulations for the government of Grand Lodge during the time of business.

The Grand Secretary commenced to read the minutes of proceedings at the last annual communication, when

It was moved by R. W. Bro. A. T. Freed, seconded by M. W. Bro. A. A. Stevenson and

Resolved, That the minutes of proceedings of Grand Lodge at the 50th Annual Communication, held in the City of Hamilton, on the 19th and 20th days of July, A. D. 1905, having been printed and copies thereof forwarded to subordinate lodges, the same be considered as read and be now confirmed, and that the minutes of the several especial communications of Grand Lodge, entered by the Grand Secretary in the minute book, be taken as read, and are hereby confirmed.

THE GRAND MASTER'S ADDRESS.

The M. W. the Grand Master then delivered the following address to the brethren assembled :

BRETHREN OF THE GRAND LODGE :

Our Semi-Centennial year has passed into history, though not forgotten, and we are again assembled, in our fifty-first annual communication, to review the work of the past year, deal with such matters as are brought before us for present action, and prepare for the future, and I extend to you all my sincere and fraternal greetings.

Before going into the record of the year, so far as my part of the work therein is concerned, allow me to say how greatly I appreciate the honor you conferred upon me last year by electing me to the position of Grand Master. The position of Grand Master is the summit of Masonic ambition, and the highest in your gift to bestow, and no one has been able to adequately express his appreciation of it ; and when it comes with such a lavish hand as it came to me you can readily see how hard it is for me to cover the ground with thanks.

I consider the honor the greatest of my life, and if I can only merit your approbation of my efforts to serve you acceptably, it will serve, in a measure, to show my gratitude. It is an office in a body which has no superior amongst human societies ; it is an office also of great responsibility, and casts upon the holder the duty of constant vigilance to safeguard, so far as in him lies, the principles of our Order, the Ancient Landmarks and the Constitution by which we are governed.

Our jubilee year closed with a record of unexampled prosperity. I was preceded in this high office, for the last 50 years, by men whom it is very hard to follow, if our record is to be even preserved, if not advanced, and for this reason, if for no other, I have felt the magnitude of the position. My sole object is and shall be the general welfare of the Craft, and in the administration of the office it shall be my constant effort to deal with persons and matters with justice and impartiality and with the one object before stated.

STATE OF THE CRAFT.

The general state of the Craft in the jurisdiction is healthy ; our net membership has increased by about 2,500, making our total membership over 37,000. Our income for the year, to the 31st May last, was \$34,377.19, as against \$33,011.18 last year, showing a net increase of \$1,366.01. This is very gratifying, as our Jubilee year was the largest in our history to that time, evidencing that we are making that progress which we all desire.

There is now, I believe, absolute uniformity in the authorized work throughout the jurisdiction, and the ancient landmarks were never more strictly adhered to than at the present time. Much praise and thanks are due to the District Deputy Grand Masters for their efficient efforts to promote this uniformity, and I, on your behalf, thank them one and all.

There is one matter, however, which is not one for an expression of thankfulness, and one which is difficult of reasonable solution, to do justice to the lodge and to the brethren concerned ; I refer to the large accumulation of arrears for dues.

From the statistical information returned by the District Deputy Grand Masters and published in our Annual Proceedings, it would appear we are not making much progress towards better conditions, and I would ask each Worshipful Master to make this question one of prominence during his term of office.

My own opinion is, if you can be assured of any brother's inability to pay his indebtedness, it would be better to remit his arrears and retain his membership. A Mason suspended from his lodge for non-payment is in a very regrettable position ; probably from no fault of his, he is ostracized from a society whose associations for good are unquestioned, and it is far more in accordance with our teachings of charity to give him the benefit of the doubt and still call him brother.

FRATERNAL DEAD.

Recalling the lives of those who met with us a year ago, and who have passed to a higher life, let us at the threshold of our assembling here to-day pay a tribute to their memory. I have not the full list before me, but the report of the Committee on Fraternal Dead, which will

be before you presently, will give you a list in detail of those who have left us for ever in this life, but I wish to speak of two or three.

M. W. Bro. R. T. Walkem, K. C., Past Grand Master of this Grand Lodge, died on the 23rd day of March, A. D. 1906, after a protracted illness, and at whose funeral I officiated at Kingston on the 26th March, being accompanied by M. W. Bro. W. R. White, K. C., M. W. Bro. the Grand Secretary, and many other Grand Lodge members and brethren from the city and surrounding country. M. W. Bro. Walkem was Grand Master for the years 1888-1889, and without detracting from the qualities and virtues of his predecessors and successors, I considered him to have been one of our model Grand Masters. He was a power in Grand Lodge and will be much missed. I caused a circular to be issued to all of the lodges in the jurisdiction, to be read in open lodge.

On the 18th October, 1905, at the request of the lodges at Brockville, I officiated at the funeral services of our late Bro. Hon. Senator Fulford, who lost his life in an automobile accident some days before. Senator Fulford was not well known as a Mason outside of Brockville, his native town, being too busy a man to take an active part in Masonic work. To know him was to respect him, and although he amassed great wealth and by his world-wide advertising of his business, made Canada known over the globe, he was as unostentatious as the poorest of us. His unwearied efforts and attention to the members of Grand Lodge at Brockville in 1904 are not forgotten.

The lamentably sad news has just arrived announcing the terribly sudden death of W. Bro. Walter Barwick, K. C., Past Master of Ionic Lodge, Toronto, in a railway accident in England, where he had gone on a pleasure trip and in search of better health. His life, as we knew him, was one from which we can be sure he was prepared for His Master's call, no matter how quickly. W. Bro. Barwick attended Grand Lodge meetings some few years ago and urged the establishment of an asylum; no doubt his busy life necessitated his withdrawal from participation in our work. His widow and family have our sympathy in their great bereavement.

There is one other death I wish to speak of, and par-

ticularly for the principal mourner I ask your sympathy; I refer to the death of Mrs. Murray, wife of our beloved M. W. Bro. Hugh Murray, Grand Secretary. It was not my fortune to have known Mrs. Murray, but I know her husband and know how the stroke affected him. We can well realize how, after many years of conjugal life, her withdrawal to her eternal rest has left his home largely desolate. Her vacant chair at his fireside will ever remind him of the futility of clinging to earthly things. He has mine, and I am sure he has your sincere sympathy in his loss.

IN FOREIGN JURISDICTIONS.

The following have been reported to me:

Thomas Tweed—Past Grand Master of the Grand Lodge of Manitoba. M. W. Bro. Tweed was born at Kingston and was a member of the Legislative Assembly of the N. W. Territories for 8 years and for a term of years a member of the Executive Council. At the time of his death he was a member of the Grand Lodge of Alberta.

John G. Fletcher—Of the Grand Lodge of Arkansas; president of the Board of Control of the Masonic Temple; president of the National Bank; Mayor of the City of Pulaski, and Sheriff of the same county.

R. W. Bro. John Humphreys—Grand Senior Warden of the Grand Lodge of Colorado.

George Harold Walker—Past Grand Master of the Grand Lodge of the District of Columbia.

Luke A. Lockwood—Past Grand Master of the Grand Lodge of Connecticut.

R. W. Bro. John J. Freeman—Grand Treasurer of the Grand Lodge of North Dakota.

Angus Paterson—Past Grand Master of the Grand Lodge of Florida.

Frank S. Devol—Past Grand Master of the Grand Lodge of Indiana.

John Rennie—Past Grand Master of the Grand Lodge of Indian Territory. M. W. Bro. Rennie was a Canadian and received his three degrees in The Barton Lodge, Hamilton.

Michigan has suffered severely by the loss of six Past Grand Masters, as follows: William Dunham, George

Washington Peck, John W. McGrath, Thomas Reardon (M. W. Bro. Reardon was a Canadian, born at Peterboro in 1848), John W. Finch and William H. Phillips.

Irvine Miller—Past Grand Master of the Grand Lodge of Mississippi.

Andrew H. Barkley—Past Grand Master of the Grand Lodge of Mississippi. These two M. W. Bros. were Doctors of Divinity.

Allan McDowell—Past Grand Master of the Grand Lodge of Mississippi.

James Edmond Callaway—Past Grand Junior Warden of the Grand Lodge of Montana. A notable soldier, a brilliant lawyer, and father of the present Grand Master of the Grand Lodge of the same state, Judge Lewellyn L. Callaway.

Wilbur F. Sanders—Past Grand Master of the Grand Lodge of Montana. He was a Senator of the United States.

Thomas W. Tilden—Past Grand Lodge of New Jersey.

Charles Ingleby—Grand Secretary of the Grand Lodge of South Carolina.

Thomas Milburn Reed—Past Grand Master of the Grand Lodge of Washington, D. C.

Thomas Ernest Dewey—Past Grand Master of the Grand Lodge of Kansas.

Henry H. Matthews—M. W. Grand Master of the Grand Lodge of Alabama.

MESSAGE OF SYMPATHY.

The civilized world was shocked by the news of the holocaust which visited some parts of California recently, whereby San Francisco, one of the finest cities in the United States, was practically wiped out of existence by earthquake and fire, and other places in that state similarly visited, rendering hundreds of thousands of people homeless and penniless. Realizing that there must of necessity be large numbers of our Masonic brethren who were sufferers by the calamity, and after consultation with the R. W. the Deputy Grand Master, the Grand Secretary and Grand Treasurer, I wrote a letter, of which the following is a copy:

Pembroke, 26th April, 1906.

George W. Hunter, Esq.,
Grand Master, Grand Lodge of Masons,
Eureka, Cal.

Re San Francisco Casualty.

Most Worshipful Sir:

On behalf of the Grand Lodge of Canada, in the Province of Ontario, I hereby extend to you, on behalf of the Masonic Fraternity of the Grand Lodge of California and the citizens generally, our sincere sympathy for them in their terrible affliction.

Beyond this message of sympathy I have desired to give some practical evidence of that sympathy, and was consulting some of the executive to that end, when I noticed in the press that your President stated that no outside assistance would be required. Notwithstanding this expression of your Chief Magistrate, which utters an idea of the power of a self-governing and prosperous people, still we feel that it becomes us, as part of the Masonic Fraternity, to be anxious to help in time of need, and I wish to say, if you desire or require aid for your brethren who are suffering, kindly let me know and I will be pleased to send you from our Grand Lodge of Canada a donation of one thousand dollars.

Fraternally yours,

JAS. H. BURRITT,
Grand Master.

In due course I received the following reply from M. W. Bro. Motley H. Flint, Grand Master of the Grand Lodge of California:

Los Angeles, May 10th, 1906.

Jas. H. Burritt, Esq.,
Grand Master of Masons,
Pembroke, Ontario.

M. W. Sir and Dear Bro.:

I beg to acknowledge receipt of your kind favor of April 25th, transmitted to me through P. G. Master George W. Hunter, of this jurisdiction, and to assure you

that I deeply and sincerely appreciate the generosity of your beloved brethren of your jurisdiction. I have organized relief bureaus at all important points and am endeavoring to keep in touch with the situation wherever relief is needed. We shall have ample work to do for many months to come to take care of our brethren and place them on their feet again. The Grand Jurisdictions of the United States have responded most liberally and I have quite a large relief fund, but, of course, it is not possible at this writing to tell just what is needed, hence if the brethren of your jurisdiction desire to help our jurisdiction I would be pleased to accept from you a donation of one thousand dollars. With assurances of my high regard and deep appreciation of your very kind letter of April 25th. Believe me always,

Yours truly and fraternally,

M. H. FLINT,
Grand Master.

I replied as follows:

M. H. Flint, Esq.,

Grand Master, Grand Lodge of Masons of California,
Los Angeles.

M. W. Sir and Dear Bro.:

I received your letter of the 10th May, and regret that delay was occasioned by my writing to M. W. Bro. Hunter, whom I supposed was your Grand Master.

I was pleased, although not surprised, to learn from you that the several Grand Jurisdictions of the United States had responded most liberally. Having been also advised by you that you had ample work to do for many months to take care of your brethren in distress, and that you would be pleased to accept any donation from the Grand Lodge of Canada, I now take great pleasure in enclosing a cheque from the Grand Lodge of Canada for \$1,000.00, payable to your order, to in a measure aid you in looking after the brethren who have suffered in the terrible catastrophe which fell upon San Francisco and surrounding country, and I also enclose you, on behalf of Civil Service Lodge at Ottawa, in our jurisdiction, a cheque for \$25.00, payable to your order, for the same object. I trust, Most Worshipful Sir, that the G. A. O.

T. U. will so direct the hearts of the brethren throughout this continent that those in distress will be carried past the dark days and soon see the dawn of a new effort on their journey through life.

Fraternally yours,

JAS. H. BURRITT,
Grand Master.

Reply :

Los Angeles, June 12th, 1906.

James H. Burritt, Esq.,
Grand Master of Masons,
Pembroke, Ontario.

M. W. Sir and Dear Brother :

I beg to acknowledge receipt of your generous contribution of one thousand dollars by cheque on the Canadian Bank of Commerce, from the Grand Lodge, and also twenty-five dollars by cheque on the Canadian Bank of Commerce from Civil Service Lodge at Ottawa, for which please accept my heartfelt thanks. Immediately following the news of the terrible disaster at San Francisco and neighboring cities, I left for San Francisco and remained there twelve days on relief work. The principal Bureau of Relief was immediately established at Oakland, California, and I am pleased to state that the Executive Committee handling this bureau are men of sterling integrity and did most valiant service.

The Masonic Temple at Oakland was turned into a relief station and some twenty thousand meals served to the destitute, irrespective of whether they were Masons or not. The lower floor of the building was used for sleeping apartments for women and the upper floor for men. Eighteen wagons were engaged in Oakland for the purposes of taking provisions to San Francisco.

Understand, that probably ninety per cent. of the city of San Francisco was burned and wagons were taken across from Oakland on ferry boats and provisions distributed throughout the city, after which the wagons were used to take helpless women and children from the burned districts of San Francisco to places of safety in Oakland. The Masonic fraternity had eight food stations working for a number of days. A general Masonic

Relief Bureau was promptly opened in San Francisco at King Solomon Hall, Fillmore street, near Sutter, which was not destroyed by fire. Every action is now being taken to relieve the distressed and render such financial assistance as may be necessary; to provide clothing and underclothing, tools for mechanics, transportation for women and children to their friends and relatives, and, in fact, I believe I can easily state that the Masonic fraternity was the first and foremost in the field for Masonic and general relief.

Rest assured that I, as Grand Master, appreciate your prompt response for aid, and after my work in the assistance of distressed Master Masons, their widows and orphans, is over, I intend to transmit to each Grand Jurisdiction, and each Masonic organization, and every individual contributing funds, a full report of the methods adopted and the general relief afforded.

Yours truly and fraternally,

M. H. FLINT,
Grand Master.

The relief of distress is one of the necessities for our fraternal existence, and when a calamity such as has occurred, making hundreds, nay thousands, of our brethren temporarily paupers, all territorial and international boundaries are erased and our hearts of sympathy and means go out to them as brothers of one world-wide Masonic family. The occasion, I think, justified my act on your behalf.

WARRANTS.

I have issued the following warrants during the year:
 July 20th, 1906—Tottenham, 467, Tottenham.
 “ “ Peel, 468, Caledon East.
 “ “ Algoma, 469, Sault Ste. Marie.
 “ “ Victoria, 470, Victoria Harbor.
 “ “ King Edward VII., 471, Chippewa.

LODGES UNDER DISPENSATION.

Gore Bay, Gore Bay (continued by Grand Lodge).
 The Beaches, Balmy Beach (continued by Grand Lodge).
 Victoria, Toronto Junction (continued by Grand Lodge).
 Dundurn, Hamilton (continued by Grand Lodge).

Corinthian, North Gower, dispensation dated 18th July, 1905.

Harding, Woodville, dispensation dated 3rd October, 1905.

Bancroft, Bancroft, dispensation dated 13th November, 1905.

Milverton, Milverton, dispensation dated 10th January, 1906.

Russell, Russell, dispensation dated 16th March, 1906.

I was obliged to refuse two petitions for dispensations for new lodges, both of which were reported against by the respective District Deputy Grand Masters, one at Haileybury and one at Dungannon. It appeared apparent in each case that the establishment of a lodge would ruin the prospects of the nearest lodge.

DEDICATIONS.

On the 31st October, 1905, I officiated at the dedication of the new lodge rooms of Kent Lodge, No. 274, Blenheim. A lodge of 68 members, according to last year's returns, that can equip and pay for the premises they presented to me for dedication deserves great praise. The M. W. the Grand Secretary accompanied me.

On the 1st day of November, 1905, I dedicated the Masonic Temple at the City of Chatham for Wellington Lodge, No. 46, and Parthenon Lodge, No. 267. Their premises ought to be, and are, quite in keeping with the evidences of progress in this fine little city. M. W. the Grand Secretary was with me here also, and so far as hospitality went we had nothing to complain of other than that they keep very late hours at their banquets to Grand Masters and Grand Secretaries. I had the pleasure of meeting there a Past Grand Master of the Grand Lodge of Pennsylvania, who added his measure of eloquence in response to a call for him.

On the 27th October, 1905, I dedicated the new lodge rooms for Bonnechere Lodge, Eganville, County of Renfrew, assisted by a large number of the Pembroke brethren and others from the surrounding lodges.

BY-LAWS.

I have approved of the by-laws, including amendments, of 43 lodges. Among those amended, in nearly half of

them, the only amendment was increasing their initiation fee. This is a step in the right direction, so long as the amount is not prohibitive. In most of the by-laws sent me for approval there is a clause providing that any brother 12 months in arrears for dues shall not be entitled to vote at the annual election of officers. I have refused to approve of this. In my opinion, until a member of a lodge has been suspended he is entitled to all the privileges, and there can be no partial disfranchisement.

Under this head, although properly a ruling, where the "order of business" forms part of the by-laws, and as such has the approval of a Grand Master, if it is not therein stated that the Master of the lodge may, from time to time, change the order as he may deem expedient. I rule that such order of business is obligatory and cannot be departed from, any more than any other clause, unless lawfully amended.

DISPENSATIONS.

Since my installation I have issued the large number of 216 dispensations for all sorts and things Masonic. This increase is largely due to the recent amendment of the Constitution in that regard. The Committee on the Revision of the Constitution, knowing that many lodges were in the habit of holding many functions under Masonic auspices without a dispensation, thought that the Grand Master should be seized of all the particulars and the kind of function sought to be held, before it was undertaken, and that his dispensation was necessary. This gives the Grand Master a proper supervision of the doings of the craft throughout the jurisdiction. The Board of General Purposes unanimously approved of the provision, as also Grand Lodge, and I think rightly so.

CORNER STONES.

On the 31st July, 1905, the ceremony of laying the corner stone of a Public School building at Rainy River, 17th District, was performed by R. W. Bro. Wm. Roaf, K. C., P. D. D. G. M., at my request.

On the 5th June, 1906, I officiated at the ceremony of laying the corner stone of the new Anglican Church building at Micksburg, County Renfrew, accompanied

by M. W. Bro. W. R. White, K. C., and about 40 other Pembroke brethren, meeting on the ground a number from the neighboring lodges. Our services and beautiful ceremony were much appreciated by those assembled.

On the 20th June, 1906, I officiated at the ceremony of laying the corner stone of a new Methodist Church at North Bay, 18th District. There were about 200 Masons present, such a large number being accounted for by the fact that a Lodge of Instruction was to be and was held that same evening in Nipissing lodge room.

LODGES OF INSTRUCTION.

There were 5 Lodges of Instruction held during the year, so far as I have had notice of, as follows:

November 28th, 1905, at Napanee, District No. 14, by Union Lodge No. 9, at which I was present.

January 17th, 1906, at Smith's Falls, District No. 15, by St. Francis Lodge No. 24, at which I was present.

April 13th, 1906, at Guelph, District No. 7, by Speed Lodge No. 180, at which I was present.

On the same day, at Thedford, District No. 2, by Cassia Lodge No. 116, and on the same day at Ottawa, in District No. 16. Being engaged at Guelph, I could not, of course, be at either of the other two.

June 20th, 1906, at North Bay, District No. 18, at which I was present. Every lodge in the district was represented and the three degrees exemplified—1st by Temiscaming lodge, weN Liskeard; 2nd by Sturgeon Falls lodge, and the 3rd by Nipissing lodge, North Bay.

The work was exceedingly well done by all the officers, the floor work being practically beyond criticism. When it is stated that Temiscaming lodge is not three years old and chartered a special train and brought 42 Masons over 100 miles to this meeting, I think great praise is due them for their interest in Masonry, and the example might be copied by some of the older lodges. R. W. Bro. Judge Leask, D. D. G. M., tells me that the lodges in this district have a larger average lodge membership than the average of the lodges in any other district, excepting those embracing cities, and all of them are young lodges. The future of the district is therefore very bright.

GRAND REPRESENTATIVES.

The following brethren of this jurisdiction have received commissions to represent other jurisdictions near our Grand Lodge upon my recommendation:

Grand Lodge of Victoria—R. W. Bro. W. D. McPherson, Toronto, in the place of R. W. Bro. the Hon. James Sutherland, deceased.

Grand Lodge of Oklahoma—R. W. Bro. J. G. Liddell, of Brantford, in the place of R. W. Bro. A. G. McWhinney, deceased.

Grand Lodge of Tasmania—R. W. Bro. A. F. Webster, of Toronto.

Upon the nomination of their Grand Masters, I caused commissions to be issued to the following brethren to be the representatives of the Grand Lodge of Canada in the Province of Ontario, near their respective Grand Lodges:

Grand Lodge of Tasmania—V. W. Bro. H. J. Wise.

Grand Lodge of Michigan—M. W. Bro. John Rowson, Past Grand Master of the Grand Lodge of Michigan.

Grand Lodge of Cuba—W. Bro. Jose Vidaurreta, of Havana.

GRAND LODGE OF ALBERTA.

On the 6th April, 1906, I received, through M. W. Bro. Murray, Grand Secretary, a request from the Grand Lodge of Alberta, for the fraternal recognition of the Grand Lodge of Canada, just then newly formed and their Grand Lodge officers installed. The lodges now forming this Grand Jurisdiction formerly belonged to the Grand Lodge of Manitoba. Though their lodges are comparatively few, they are ambitious, with a great future outlook.

The Grand Master of the Grand Lodge of Manitoba was present, installed their officers and wished them "God Speed."

A severe but magnificent commentary upon the experience of some other Grand Lodges, when seeking recognition by other Grand Jurisdictions, I would recommend Grand Lodge to accept the request made by the Grand Lodge of Alberta.

RULINGS.

I have given a great many rulings, most of which were consequent upon many of the changes made by the new Constitution.

Most of the opinions written were but plain recitals of the law by which we are governed, which seemed easy to me, as I was on the Committee of Revision, and in many of the cases might have been readily understood if time had been taken to read the law, which would have materially reduced my voluminous correspondence. I am not making a complaint, I replied to all cheerfully, but the point I wish to make is that many who asked questions could not have read the Constitution at all. An hour now and then for a week would have saved them much letter writing.

Learning that some Masters of lodges were in the habit of grouping their candidates for degrees, I was obliged to rule, by means of a circular to the lodges, as follows:

1. In the 1st degree, take them separately up to and inclusive of the charge in the northeast corner.
2. In the 2nd degree, take them separately up to and inclusive of the obligation and the explanation of the altered position of the lights on the altar.
3. In the 3rd degree, take them separately up to and inclusive of the rising "of the bright morning star."
4. That the advancement of any candidates could only be made when the warrant was present, and the conferring of a degree in an adjoining room simultaneously with the working of a degree in the lodge room was illegal and must be discontinued.

GRAND HONORS.

The Constitution being silent as to these, and the book of Ceremonies only partially providing for those entitled, and no distinct ruling by a Grand Master having been given since 1885, and then only partly covering the ground, I issued a ruling to the Masters of the lodges in the jurisdiction, as follows:

For the Grand Master and Past Grand Masters, 9.

For the Deputy Grand Master, District Deputy Grand Masters, Past District Deputy Grand Masters, and all other elective officers, past and present, 7.

For all appointed grand officers, past and present, 5.

For all Masters and Past Masters, 3.

For a brother appointed by the Grand Master, to represent him at the constitution of a lodge (and not otherwise entitled by virtue of his office or past office to more), 5.

For all Grand or Past Grand Officers of Foreign Jurisdictions in fraternal relations with the Grand Lodge of Canada, similar honors to those accorded to members of our Grand Lodge, according to degree, by courtesy only.

I have been asked for my permission to allow a petition to be presented to Grand Lodge to confer the Past Master's degree upon a brother who had been Secretary of a lodge for over 40 years, but had never filled a Warden's chair. I advised the brother asking the permission that I could not prevent the presentation of the petition, but that section 28 of the Constitution prohibited Grand Lodge from conferring honorary rank upon an... but its own members.

"Its own members," by section 2, are limited to its Grand Officers, its Past Grand Officers, the Past Masters and the Master and Wardens of all lodges on the register for the year. And that I would be obliged to rule the petition out of order.

I ruled that a Masonic procession, with or without regalia, to decorate the graves of deceased brethren, required a dispensation under section 243.

I ruled that a candidate who had such a stiff knee as prevented him from performing what was required of him could not be initiated.

A candidate with one leg 5 inches shorter than the other, I ruled if no metallic appliances were used and he could perform all requirements, yes; otherwise, no. The matter to be left to the Master's discretion as to the required ability of the candidate.

I ruled that a candidate who had lost the first and second joints of the index finger and the first joint of the second finger, both of the right hand, could not be initiated. Shortly, a candidate must be physically capable of performing all the requirements from the Entered Apprentice to the Master degrees, both inclusive.

I have ruled that the several provisions of Secti

of the Constitution, respecting regalia, etc., must be strictly observed, as it was as obligatory as any other section of the Constitution. I was obliged to issue a circular to the D. D. G. M's in the matter, to be read in the lodges.

Section 185—"No person shall be made a Mason unless he has resided one year in the jurisdiction of the lodge to which he seeks admission, or produces a certificate of character from the lodge nearest the place of his previous residence, with a dispensation granted by the Grand Master." In many of the applications to me for dispensation under this section the certificate mentioned has been signed by the Master and Secretary, with the seal of the lodge attached, without a resolution passed by the lodge. This is not a compliance with the section; it must be a certificate of the lodge, upon motion in the usual way. The Master and Secretary have no authority to issue such a certificate without the authority of the lodge, and the certificate must show the authority on its face. The certificate must also disclose the fact that the applicant has acquired a Masonic residence of 12 continuous months within the jurisdiction of the lodge giving the certificate prior to his removal to the jurisdiction of the lodge to which he applies; in other words, Masonic residence must be established somewhere before a dispensation will be granted.

Notwithstanding frequent legislation for several years past and the efforts in the last consolidation to make it clear in Section 186, the question of "residence" still receives various interpretations by Masters of lodges, and shows that it yet appears to be one difficult of interpretation.

To aid in simplifying the question, I may say I have ruled several times during the year, and still rule, that every person capable of applying for admission into Masonry must have 12 months continuous residence within the jurisdiction of some lodge in the jurisdiction, to first qualify him, called a Masonic residence; that established, he may apply to that lodge; if he does not, and removes to the jurisdiction of another lodge, he may apply there, although not resident there for 12 months, if he procures a certificate of character from the lodge in whose jurisdiction he has last acquired such Masonic residence, and a dispensation from the Grand Master.

THE GRAND LODGE OF BRITISH COLUMBIA VS. KING
EDWARD LODGE NO. 464, G. R. C.

The Grand Lodge of British Columbia in May, 1905, laid a complaint with our Grand Secretary against King Edward Lodge, No. 464, G. R. C., for initiating one Robert M. Reid, who, British Columbia claimed, resided within their jurisdiction.

I appointed R. W. Bros. W. D. McPherson, chairman, W. Geo. Eakins and R. E. Wood, P. D. D. G. M., a commission to investigate the complaint and to make a finding, with power to take evidence in British Columbia, if necessary.

The Commission sat at Sunderland, where said King Edward Lodge is located, after one notice of said sitting had been sent to the Grand Secretary of the Grand Lodge of British Columbia, and after the Grand Master of British Columbia had been asked to nominate some suitable member of the craft in British Columbia, whom the Commission might appoint to take such evidence there as might be deemed advisable, under instructions from the Commission, supplemented by any instructions which the M. W. the Grand Master of British Columbia might wish to give.

Evidence was taken by the Commission, including that of Robert M. Reid, the applicant, and the Commission unanimously reported to me that King Edward Lodge acted in perfect good faith and did not in any way exceed their authority under the Constitution of the Grand Lodge of Canada, and that the brethren who recommended Mr. Reid for initiation did so in the full belief that he was a bona fide resident of the jurisdiction of King Edward Lodge, and upon the evidence the Commission thought they were so justified in concluding. The Grand Lodge of British Columbia were not represented at this, the only sitting. The evidence taken was shortly as follows:

Application in the usual old form (then legal), 16th December, 1904, applicant an unmarried man, born and brought up at Sunderland, father dead, mother lives there. Mr. Reid swore that Sunderland was his home, that all his belongings were there. In October, 1903, he left Sunderland in the employ of the Canadian Pacific

Railway Company as a telegraph operator and went to Wardner, B. C., where he remained one month; was then removed to Sidar, B. C., remaining there two and one-half months; then removed to Cranbrook, where he remained two months; then removed to Fernie, B. C., where he remained nearly nine months, or until the 8th December, 1904, when he came back to Sunderland, in all a period of a little over fourteen months; that when he came home he brought with him everything he had taken to British Columbia. There were seven members of King Edward Lodge who gave evidence all corroborative of Mr. Reid's evidence as to his birthplace and residence at Sunderland. Some of these witnesses who had taken part in the initiation state that they did not know Mr. Reid was in British Columbia and they all thought his long residence at Sunderland satisfied our Constitution.

The report of the Commission further states that on the 31st of August, 1905, a copy of the testimony of Bro. Reid was forwarded to R. W. the Grand Secretary of British Columbia with a request to see whether the expense of taking further testimony in B. C. might not be dispensed with, and on the 7th September, 1905, a reply was received. The writer of the letter says, "after perusing the evidence given by Bro. Reid I quite agree that he has admitted all that is necessary to prove our contention. I accordingly wired W. Bro. Ross not to proceed under the Commission."

When I received the report of the Commission and the evidence, and after perusing the same, not knowing the purport of the letter of the Chairman of the Commission to the Grand Secretary of B. C., and feeling that an injustice might be done the Grand Lodge of B. C. in not giving them an opportunity of holding an investigation and contradicting Bro. Reid's evidence as to the different places he was in in B. C. and for what periods, I instructed M. W. Bro. Murray, Grand Secretary, to write the Grand Secretary of B. C. that I desired to give them an opportunity to say whether Bro. Reid's evidence is correct or not and to send him (the Grand Secretary of B. C.) a copy of Bro. Reid's evidence, and that it would be only right that our Grand Lodge should pay the expenses of such investigation. The Grand Secretary of

B. C. sent two letters, neither disputing, but corroborating Mr. Reid's version of his stay in British Columbia; the crucial part of said letter is contained in the following statement:

"Our contention is that Bro. Reid was in the jurisdiction of this Grand Lodge for twelve months, and I am unable to see, in the face of Section 213 of your Constitution, how King Edward Lodge can claim that he was still within their jurisdiction. The mere statement that he may not have been within the jurisdiction of Elk River Lodge, Fernie, B. C., for twelve months does not, to my mind, alter the case so far as the Grand Lodge of Canada is concerned, as our view is that they certainly have no claim on him after twelve months of absence from Ontario."

The facts being admitted, and Bro. Reid declaring he did not leave Sunderland permanently, the case resolves itself into a question of law.

Bro. Reid whilst in British Columbia did not acquire a Masonic residence of twelve months at any of the places where he was placed by his employers; whether there was a lodge at any of the places except Fernie is not stated. There is a lodge at Fernie where he was stationed for nine months, three months short of the requirements of Section 213 of the old Constitution, now Section 185.

I have been disposed to rule that every person must have a Masonic residence somewhere, and that having acquired such by a residence of 12 months within the jurisdiction of a lodge (a subordinate lodge), that jurisdiction remains until it has been divested by a new residence of at least 12 months within the jurisdiction of another lodge or a certificate of character and dispensation. In this view Bro. Reid acquired a Masonic residence at Sunderland, within the jurisdiction of King Edward Lodge, and not having a subsequent continuous residence of 12 months, either at Wardner, Sidar, Cranbrook or Fernie, Sunderland would still be his residence for the purposes of Section 185. We, of course, are legislating for our own material Masonically resident within our own jurisdiction and until they have divested themselves of that Masonic residence.

It is contended by British Columbia that Bro. Reid

having resided more than 12 months out of Ontario, and in British Columbia, this Grand Lodge has lost jurisdiction.

I admit if Bro. Reid had acquired a continuous Masonic residence of 12 months within the jurisdiction of any subordinate lodge in British Columbia, he might be claimed on the supposition that their law is based upon the same requirements as ours, and we could not in justice to them demand a longer residence for our material there than we required for a residence here.

Under the facts of the case my inclination has been to rule that Bro. Reid not being in a position to seek membership in any lodge in British Columbia, belongs to our jurisdiction. But different views on this subject of residence have been expressed by some of my predecessors, and probably there is no question which gives rise to greater diversity of opinion and ruling.

It is, of course, desirable that there should, as far as possible, be consistency between rulings, as well as continuity of policy in matters like this of a Constitutional nature, and though the report of the Commission on the facts cannot be disputed, and though also I have been disposed to concur with their conclusions, it may be well to treat the matter as still open and to continue the correspondence with a view to avoiding misunderstandings with our sister jurisdiction, and such is my intention.

REPORTS OF COMMISSIONERS.

W. Bro. J. Jones vs. R. W. Bro. John Watson, W. M. of Stevenson Lodge No. 218, and certain other officers of said lodge.

This was a complaint by W. Bro. Jones, Immediate Past Master of Stevenson Lodge No. 218, Toronto, against R. W. Bro. John Watson, W. Master of said lodge, and certain of his officers, for irregularities and illegal acts. Upon receiving the complaint, and considering it of sufficient importance and gravity, I appointed a Commission to investigate and report to me the facts.

The Commission was composed of M. W. Bro. E. T. Malone; R. W. Bro. F. W. Harcourt, D. D. G. M. District 11a; R. W. Bro. E. C. Carleton, D. D. G. M. District 11; R. W. Bro. E. J. B. Duncan, P. D. D. G. M.,

barrister, Toronto, and R. W. Bro. E. B. Brown, P. D. D. G. M., barrister, Toronto.

The Commission have reported to me their findings of fact and I have given my ruling, judgment and recommendations, and the brethren have appealed against my judgment. The case, therefore, has gone before the Committee of Grievances and Appeals, who will shortly report the whole matter to you. I leave it in your hands.

Petrolea Lodge No. 194 vs. W. Bro. John Read, of Washington Lodge, No. 260, Petrolea.

This is a complaint made by Petrolea Lodge No. 194 against W. Bro. John Read, Worshipful Master of Washington Lodge No. 260, Petrolea, for initiating a candidate contrary to the Constitution.

I considered the charge of such gravity as to justify an investigation, and I appointed a Commission composed of R. W. Bro. S. E. Cornell, D. D. G. M. District No. 2, and R. W. Bros. Judge McWatt and Alex. Saunders, P. D. D. G. M's, to take the evidence and report their findings of fact, which they have done and upon which I suspended W. Bro. Read until this Communication of Grand Lodge. W. Bro. Read has appealed against my judgment and the papers have gone before the Committee of Grievances and Appeals, who will report to you. I also leave the matter in your hands.

R. W. Bro. F. W. Harcourt, D. D. G. M. District No. 11a vs. W. Bro. Cairns, W. Master of Orient Lodge. No. 327, Toronto.

The complaint against W. Bro. Cairns was for issuing a memorandum book containing a portrait of himself in Masonic regalia and distributing a large quantity thereof to Masons and others, contrary to the "rules respecting Masonic offences"; also for issuing a post card with his name and business on one side, and on the other side printed matter, headed "A tramp's own ritual," claimed to be a Masonic offence, coming under the head of "contemptuous expressions regarding Masonry"; also for allowing his portrait, with Masonic regalia, to be published in the directory of the A. O. U. W. society.

I appointed R. W. Bros. E. B. Brown, J. J. Thompson and E. J. B. Duncan, P. D. D. G. M's, a Commission to take the evidence and report their findings of fact to me. They did so, but acquitted the accused upon the third

charge, as such publication in said directory was done without his knowledge, and found him guilty upon the other charges. I adjudged a severe reprimand, which was given at my request, by the R. W. Bro. the Deputy Grand Master in Orient Lodge at one of its regular meetings. Out of consideration for W. Bro. Cairns, I regret exceedingly having to make this matter public; he did these things in ignorance, although he defended the case before the Commission, but as the points involved can only be emphasized and made public here, I wish to say that Masonry occupies a much higher plane than the one W. Bro. Cairns has placed it on by his acts. The Grand Lodge of Canada is very jealous of the principles upon which it is founded, and for its good name, cannot allow any brother found guilty of such offences to go unpunished.

OFFICIAL VISITS.

I received many more invitations than I could possibly accept. When you consider the large and magnificent distances embraced by our jurisdiction and are told that I have travelled over 12,000 miles on Masonic work, besides a correspondence of over 1,200 letters from my office on the same work, you will readily realize that I have been busy. I need not take up your time detailing each visit. There are a few, however, of which I desire to give you a short account.

On the 21st November, 1905, I visited St. George's Lodge, No. 10, Quebec Register, Montreal, the occasion being a Past Masters' night, with M. W. Bro. Col. A. A. Stevenson in the chair, when he conferred the 3rd degree in a manner quite on all fours with the perfectness with which he does any work in our Grand Lodge Communications assigned to him. St. George's Lodge was one of the 41 lodges which formed the Grand Lodge of Canada 51 years ago.

I was treated right royally and was presented with a medal commemorative of their 75th anniversary.

On the 4th April, 1906, the three lodges of Belleville tendered me a reception. I mention this as it was unique in my experience. They did not offer me any degree work, but papers upon Masonic subjects were read, resulting in a lodge room talk, eliciting much useful infor-

mation. Many of the lodges in this and contiguous districts were represented, and with such a capital lead the speeches at the subsequent banquet were of a somewhat higher type, from a literary standpoint, than is usual at such functions. The paper by the Senior Warden (Mathematical Master in the Belleville Collegiate Institute) on "Masonry and the Magic Square," and the "Symbolism of Masonic Numbers," was a scholarly production. R. W. Bro. Col. Ponton, D. D. G. M. of District No. 13, was responsible for this delightful evening. I am sorry he is not with us to-day, having gone to London, Eng., as a representative of the Belleville Board of Trade, to the Congress of the Chambers of Commerce of the World.

On the 1st and 2nd of May, 1906, upon invitation I visited the Grand Lodge of the State of New York, accompanied by M. W. Bro. Allen, or rather, I found him there, he being practically ubiquitous. The extreme pleasure of our meeting there was, I think, mutual.

The first evening was taken up as follows: Dinner at the Cafe Martin, 5th avenue, where I had the honor of meeting the M. W. the Grand Masters and many Past Grand Masters of New York, Pennsylvania, New Jersey and Delaware, also R. W. Bro. Alton D. Parker, P. D. D. G. M., New York, Chairman of the Commission of Appeals, and the gentleman who opposed President Roosevelt at the last election.

As we still lived after this feast, we were escorted to Madison Square Garden, where a benefit entertainment was to be given to raise funds for the erection of a monument to Daniel D. Tompkins, in his lifetime Governor of the State of New York, Vice-President of the United States, and Grand Master of the Grand Lodge of the State of New York, a very wealthy man, who sacrificed his fortune in the service of his country and died a pauper because of his lavish and generous hand, and for which no compensation was made until years after he and his wife had left this earth for a place where good deeds are requited.

M. W. Bro. Sutherland, Past Grand Master of the Grand Lodge of New York, and one of our Past Grand Masters as well (now beside me) was selected by his Mother Grand Lodge to deliver the oration of the even-

ing to the vast multitude. The incident in question was during the troublesome times of 1812-13, and one present, shutting his eyes to the history of that and the subsequent period, and not knowing where M. W. Bro. Sutherland hailed from, would, judging from his magnificent address, come to the conclusion that Great Britain had transported one of their patriotic orators of that early period to tell the Government of the United States how remiss they were of proper treatment of a man who lost his millions and went to his grave a pauper and in seeming disgrace solely for his country. I was proud of M. W. Bro. Sutherland for uttering absolute and impartial justice upon the sad drama of that day. To do the greatest honor to M. W. Bro. Allen and your Grand Master we were introduced last, and entered that vast arena (properly announced) between four files, composed of the members of the Grand Lodge of New York, about 2,000 strong, when a band struck up "God Save the King," and the immense audience of about 11,000 people rose to their feet and fairly took us off our feet by their welcome. On the stage were about 500 voices of the Festival Chorus Society of New York, about 60 pieces in the orchestra, and the Grand Lodge officers of the different Grand Jurisdictions stated. The entertainment proceeded in a manner as only New York Masons can produce.

The next day M. W. Bro. Allen and myself were received by the Grand Lodge of New York in session. I was pleased by the persistence of M. W. Bro. Sutherland in his insistence to present your representatives to his Mother Grand Lodge, putting their Grand Marshal (a very important officer) in the background for the occasion.

On your behalf I invited these several Grand Masters and Past Grand Masters in a body to visit us at this Communication, and would have been delighted to have them with us.

On the 10th July, inst., I attended a Special Jubilee Communication of St. George's Lodge, Montreal, the occasion being to commemorate the 50th anniversary of the Masonic birth of M. W. Bro. Stevenson, who first saw light in St. George's Lodge on the 16th day of July, A. D. 1856. I could not miss that meeting; I would not

if I could, and you can feebly realize the unbounded enthusiasm exhibited.

The life commemorated was sufficient in all conscience to satisfy the greatest Masonic gourmand; but when you add to it the announcement made that after 30 years of weary waiting the Grand Lodge of Quebec had just received the fraternal recognition of the Parent Grand Lodge of England, you can well understand the great rejoicing, and which was the only thing left necessary to complete the happiness of the guest of the afternoon near the sunset of his Masonic and earthly career.

Our splendid friend and brother is with us to-day, as he always is; he is fully entitled to all the love we bestow upon him, and although he is within sound of my voice I am compelled to tell him for you, he is a splendid man and Mason and has wound himself around our hearts. May he be spared for many years to be of further use and example to all of us. He fought manfully and ably for the Grand Lodge of Canada in its struggling times, and I am glad to say he still lives to see the full fruition of his unwearied efforts on our behalf and of the Grand Jurisdiction in which he now resides.

It seems fitting to me, with the assurance of your hearty endorsement, that some act of Grand Lodge should mark our congratulations to M. W. Bro. Colonel Stevenson upon his attainment of a term of Masonic years, only one short of the life of our Grand Lodge, and I have caused a medal to be struck for presentation to our Most Worshipful Brother. The die used is the one from which the Semi-Centennial Medal of Grand Lodge was struck last year, with an appropriate inscription on one side commemorative of the occasion, to be presented to the Most Worshipful Brother after the reading of this address.

SEMI-CENTENNIAL BENEVOLENT FUND.

As this is one of the Masonic matters near my heart, because it is your behest, I place it last, in the hope that my words will remain freshest in your memories and bear good fruit.

To M. W. Bro. Harding is to be given the credit for suggesting in his address of 1903 the propriety of raising \$100,000, first, to mark the semi-centennial of the forma-

tion of the Grand Lodge of Canada in 1905, and second, to utilize the income derived therefrom for the relief of distress. There was received up to the 31st May, 1904, just preceding our meeting at Brockville, the sum of \$2,438.69. At the Brockville meeting, by a unanimous vote, Grand Lodge committed itself to the raising of this fund, the time to be extended for three years, from the 1st of July, 1904, and decided that the fund should be invested and the income therefrom to be expended in benevolence, as the other funds devoted to that purpose were distributed. At Hamilton in 1905, the fund, with interest, had increased to \$21,000, or slightly over 20 per cent. of the required amount, leaving \$79,000.00 to be raised in two years from the last mentioned date. At the meeting in Hamilton last year the Committee on Benevolence recommended an increase from \$100 to \$150, and from \$40 to \$50 on interim grants, which Grand Lodge approved of, and the result is the expenditure for ordinary benevolence this year is in excess of the expenditure last year by \$3,000 or thereabouts.

Our capital account last year stood at \$116,000 in round numbers, this year \$111,000 in round numbers, showing an impairment of capital account almost entirely for benevolent purposes. If this is continued in a comparatively short period of time our capital account will be done if this amount is not raised, from the income of which we can save the capital account to the extent of such income.

The relief of distress really belongs to the lodges, but Grand Lodge having taken it up some years ago, must continue the work. Should our capital account become exhausted, it would only remain for Grand Lodge to increase her per capita tax upon the members of the lodges to raise the necessary funds for benevolence and ordinary expenditure. It is not good housekeeping to spend your last dollar. Although our membership is increasing, the calls for aid are also increasing relatively, and I know that in many cases the amounts granted are mere pittance in comparison with actual necessities.

There are three reasons why we are asking you for this money, any one of them being sufficient: 1st, it is meet and fitting for us to give of our substance to the G. A. O. T. U. in part recognition of the bounties bestowed upon us during the last 50 years, and so mark that period by a

benevolent fund; 2nd, the honor of Grand Lodge is at stake. You committed it to the task of raising this fund and it was so published to the Masonic world; we therefore cannot afford to have to declare it a failure; 3rd, this is the first time Grand Lodge has asked the individual Mason to embrace the opportunity of carrying out that promise made by him at the northeast corner of the lodge. The money is urgently needed; the income on twice that sum could easily be distributed, and yet leave needy cases unprovided for. I would then ask you, in all earnestness, to rise to the task and maintain the splendid name the Grand Lodge of Canada in the Province of Ontario has already earned and has received from our Sister Grand Jurisdictions over the world.

The fund, with interest, now amounts to \$30,389.29, leaving about \$69,000.00 to be raised by the 1st of July, 1907. It is easily done if you get the proper machinery at work.

ACKNOWLEDGEMENTS.

I have been overwhelmed with courtesies and most loyal support during the past year, evidencing the great fealty of the Craft towards their Grand Master. I cannot refer to one tithe of the kind things that have been said and kind acts done. This is Masonry, and I can fervently say, "God bless you all."

I have had to perform some executive acts which have been exceedingly painful to me, but which I considered it my duty to do.

Upon me, during the interim between your Annual Communication, has been cast the duty, as your Grand Master, of safe-guarding the principles of the Order, and seeing that the Constitution is strictly observed. When I took my obligation at your altar I promised to do this, and I have striven to do it, but always in the hope that those affected would see it through my eyes and sympathise with me in the effort to do what I thought was right.

If the Constitution is once allowed to be broken the door is open for further irregularities, and the result would be chaos and the Grand Master cease to be a ruler. Better be seemingly severe in love than weak because of false sympathy.

Just one closing word of thanks to those Grand Lodge officers who have been all kindness and of much assist-

ance to me. More especially do I owe the utmost gratefulness to your most efficient Grand Secretary. He is not only capable, but prompt and unwearying in his desire to make my work light.

I trust our deliberations will be conducted on business lines and with that love and harmony which should at all times characterize Freemasons, and I hope that we shall be spared to meet once more, one year hence, at our next Annual Communication.

JAS. H. BURRITT,
Grand Master.

It was moved by R. W. Bro. A. T. Freed, seconded by R. W. Bro. J. S. Dewar, and

Resolved, That the address of the M. W. the Grand Master be referred to a special committee to report thereon.

The Grand Master named as such committee M. W. Bros. W. R. Whyte, Hon. J. K. Kerr and Benj. Allen.

The Most Worshipful the Grand Master then called upon M. W. Bro. the Hon. Senator J. K. Kerr to make the presentation to Most W. Bro. A. A. Stevenson on his attainment of a term of fifty years as a Mason.

PRESENTATION.

M. W. Bro. J. K. Kerr, Past Grand Master, said:

I am grateful to you, Most Worshipful Grand Master, for having called upon me to make this presentation on behalf of this Grand Lodge, and I appreciate the kindness of the brethren in allowing me to be their spokesman on account of my intimate association with M. W. Bro. Stevenson, dating back to the time I became a member of Grand Lodge more than 40 years ago. After referring to the fact that M. W. Bro. Stevenson was initiated into Masonry in St. George Lodge, Montreal, then within the jurisdiction of this Grand Lodge, 50 years ago, he proceeded: We unite in extending to him our sincere congratulations upon having attained to his jubilee—his fifty years—as a Mason. During all those years M. W. Bro. Stevenson has been a prominent figure. As a citizen of Montreal he has been forward in every good work for the advancement of that city and community in which he has resided and has done much towards making the city of Montreal the beautiful as well as the busy, the attractive, as well as the prosperous place which, as the metropolis—the metropolitan city of Canada—it has held for years.

As a Canadian, by his voice and the active part he has taken in public affairs, he has contributed much towards the up-building of a sound national sentiment befitting the advanced position which Canada has been steadily and rapidly taking up as an important part of the British empire, to which we are all so proud to belong.

As a Mason it has been M. W. Bro. Stevenson's privilege to help greatly in bringing up our Grand Lodge, from the days of small beginnings to its present magnificent proportions, and in diffusing the benefits and privileges of Freemasonry throughout our jurisdiction and even beyond those limits.

On the 9th July, 1868, at the city of London, Bro. Stevenson was elected Grand Master, and during the thirty-eight years which have since intervened he has been a prominent figure at all the communications of our Grand Lodge, taking his share of the work and discharging it with fervency and zeal as well as with marked ability. I might almost say that no annual meeting of Grand Lodge would be complete without his presence, where his sound judgment, his profound mastery of the great principles of our order, his timely advice and his good judgment help to make our gathering instructive and useful as well as enjoyable to all who are privileged to meet and hear him there. It is his great privilege to enjoy the confidence and affection of all with whom he comes in contact, and his disposition and nature is such that he rejoices in being helpful to all about him. What a delightful review—I had almost said reverie—it must be to him when he recalls the innumerable acts of kindness which he has been privileged to do for his brethren chiefly, and for many without the pale of Freemasonry, during the years of his well-spent life, the helping hand so often extended, the cheery word so often spoken, the friendly warning so often given, the good, the truly good, the altogether good so often done. As we dwell upon it we are impelled to resolve that we would strive to be more like him.

Last year this Grand Lodge celebrated its jubilee of fifty years, this year we celebrate the Masonic jubilee of our oldest living Past Master, the grand old man of the Grand Lodge of Canada. We congratulate him upon attaining his jubilee, and we venture to hope and breathe the prayer that the Great Architect of the Universe may

spare him for many many years of usefulness and honor, and that we may enjoy the privilege, the great privilege of meeting him at our Annual Communications and other assemblies during many years to come.

M. W. Bro. Stevenson, as the next oldest surviving Past Grand Master, I am delegated by the M. W. Grand Master and Grand Lodge, to present you with this double jubilee medal. It commemorates your Masonic jubilee year as well as the jubilee year of our Grand Lodge. When you wear it may it serve to remind you of the many warm hearts of the many true friends you have made during the fifty years you have served the Craft, and as your brethren see it on your breast they will recall the many acts of kindness you have done for the brethren, the many services you have rendered the Craft, and they will think, if they do not say, God bless you. (Applause.)

M. W. Bro. Stevenson, upon stepping forward to accept the medal from the hands of M. W. Bro. J. K. Kerr, did so with tear-dimmed eyes. He referred feelingly to his long connection with the Craft, and he said that the brethren had been too good to him. If he had to begin life over again he would not wait until he was twenty-seven, but he would petition for admission to a lodge just one minute after he had attained the necessary age. (Applause.)

GRAND SECRETARY'S REPORT.

To the M. W. the Grand Master, Officers and Members of the Grand Lodge, A. F. & A. M. of Canada, in the Province of Ontario:

M. W. SIR AND BRETHREN,—

I beg leave to present to Grand Lodge my annual report, containing an account of all moneys received by me and paid to the Grand Treasurer during the year ending 31st May, 1906. Also a summary of the expenditure for the year with ledger balances to the 31st May, 1906, and returns of subordinate lodges as at the 24th June, 1906, with, by instruction of the M. W. Grand Master, a record of dispensations issued, By-laws and amendments thereto approved, and other official acts of the M. W. Grand Master.

Certificates.....
 Dues
 Fees.....
 Dispensations.....
 Warrants
 Constitutions, etc.....
 Commutation of dues.....
 Miscellaneous

Interest on Debentures and Bank follows:

Brockville debentures, \$3,000 at 4 1
 cent
 Woodstock debentures, \$7,000 at 6 p
 cent
 Central Canada Loan and Savings, \$15,0
 at 4 per cent
 Central Canada Loan and Savings, \$15,0
 5 years in advance, 1 per cent
 Canada Permanent and Western Canada
 \$10,000 at 4 per cent.....
 Canada Permanent Loan and Savings
 \$10,000 at 4 per cent.....
 Landed Banking and Loan Co., \$15,000 a
 4 per cent.....
 Canada Savings and Loan Co., \$5,000 a
 4 1 per cent.....
 Ontario Loan and Debenture Co., \$5,00
 at 4 1 per cent.....
 Hamilton Provident and Loan Co., \$15,00
 at 4 1 per cent.....
 Brantford debentures, \$8,000.00 at 4%.
 St. Thomas " 1,538.12 " .
 St. Thomas " 1,599.64 " .
 St Thomas " 1,633.63 " .
 St. Thomas " 1,730.17 " .
 St. Thomas " 1,799.38 " .
 St. Thomas " " " .

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PAYMENTS TO GRAND TREASURER.

1905.

June 14	Deposit	\$ 223 25	
" 21	"	424 00	
" 23	"	196 75	
" 24	"	487 88	
" 26	"	566 50	
" 27	"	706 25	
" 29	"	1,115 37	
" 30	"	1,116 75	
" 30	"	727 00	\$5,563 75
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July 3	"	392 25	
" 3	"	931 11	
" 4	"	993 75	
" 6	"	1,293 75	
" 7	"	587 50	
" 8	"	425 50	
" 11	"	775 50	
" 12	"	478 75	
" 13	"	703 25	
" 14	"	435 25	
" 15	"	248 85	
" 22	"	1,552 40	
" 26	"	231 35	
" 31	"	117 00	9,166 21
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Aug. 17	"	184 25	
" 31	"	213 00	397 25
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Sept. 21	"	310 75	
" 31	"	143 50	454 25
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Oct. 3	"	577 13	
" 17	"	317 10	
" 30	"	362 75	1,256 98
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Nov. 1	"	815 62	
" 13	"	71 25	
" 30	"	118 55	1,005 42
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Dec. 1	"	126 12	
" 16	"	322 25	
" 20	"	67 50	
" 28	"	1,367 66	
" 29	"	775 55	
" 30	"	392 00	3,051 08
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"	22	"
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"	29	"
"	29	"
Feb.	2	"
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"	8	"
"	13	"
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"	24	"
"	27	"
"	28	"
Mar.	3	"
"	10	"
"	14	"
"	23	"
"	31	"
Apr.	10	"
"	17	"
"	25	"
"	30	"
May	2	"
"	17	"
"	28	"
"	30	"
"	31	"

SUMMARY OF EXPENDITURE.

For the year ending 31st May, 1906.

Salary of Grand Secretary, one year, to March 31st, 1906.....	\$ 2,000 00
Salary of Grand Treasurer, one year, to March 31st, 1906.....	200 00
Salary of Auditor, one year and three-quarters, to March 31, 1906.....	525 00
Salaries of office staff, one year, to May 31, 1906.	1,799 63
Incidental expenses, Grand Secretary's office.....	1,148 11
Printing and Stationery.....	8,717 63
Copp, Clark Co., Certificates and Warrants	1,184 35
Bell Telephone Co.....	57 00
Insurance	70 30
Toronto General Trust Co., safety deposit box.....	25 00
Hamilton Masonic Hall Association, rent.....	460 00
Office Furniture.....	315 60
Expenses of Grand Lodge and Board of General Purposes at Hamilton.....	1,387 40
Expenses of Committees and Delegates	118 29
Rolph, Clark & Co., Semi-Centennial Medals.....	715 78
M. W. Bro. H. Robertson, Report on Foreign Correspondence.....	150 00
Chairman Benevolent Committee, postage, etc.....	15 00
J. B. Nixon, Investigating Benevolent Grants	800 00
Testimonial to M. W. Bro. Benjamin Allen	300 00
Balance travelling expenses M. W. Bro. Allen.....	55 00
On account travelling expenses M. W. Bro. J. H. Burritt	400 00
Expenses for funeral wreaths, etc	58 00
Springfield Lodge No. 259, reimbursement for jewels....	25 00
Masonic Relief Association, membership in....	163 54
Grand Master of California, contribution to Earthquake and Fire Relief Fund	1,000 00
Total general charges	\$16,591 63
Grants for Benevolence.	22,110 00
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	\$38,710 63

List of Dispensations Issued.

	NAME OF LODGE	WHERE HELD	FOR W
	Corinthian	Barrie	Divine servi
	Spry	Beeton	Divine servi
	Kerr...	Barrie...	Divine servi
	St. Paul's	Lambeth.	Divine servi
	St. Clair.. . . .	Milton.	Divine servi
	Brant.	Brantford	To install o
	St. George's... . .	St. Catharines.. . . .	Divine servi
	Sturgeon Falls.. . . .	Sturgeon Falls.. . . .	Divine servi
	King Edward	Sunderland.. . . .	Divine servi
	Plantagenet.	Plantagenet.	Divine servi
	Scotland.	Scotland...	Divine servi
	Cornwall	Cornwall	

DISPENSATIONS—Continued.

DATE	No.	NAME OF LOUPE	WHERE HELD	FOR WHAT GRANTED
July 4, 1905	370	Harmony.	Delta.	Divine service.
" 4 "	155	Merrickville.	Merrickville.	Divine service.
" 5 "	435	Havelock.	Havelock.	Divine service.
" 6 "	456	Elma.	Monkton.	Divine service.
" 6 "	302	St. David's.	St. Thomas.	Divine service.
" 6 "	388	Henderson.	Iderton.	Divine service.
" 6 "	232	Cameron.	Dutton.	Divine service.
" 6 "	44	St. Thomas.	St. Thomas.	Divine service.
" 6 "	420	Nipissing.	North Bay.	Divine service.
" 7 "	458	Wales.	Wales.	Divine service.
" 7 "	43	Kling Solomon's.	Woodstock.	Divine service.
" 7 "	455	Doric.	Little Current.	To install officers.
" 7 "	236	Manitoba.	Cookstown.	Divine service.
" 8 "	234	Beaver.	Clarksburg.	Divine service.
" 11 "	32	Amity.	Dunnville.	Divine service.
" 11 "	221	Mountain.	Thorold.	Divine service.
" 11 "	254	Clifton.	Niagara Falls.	Divine service.
" 11 "	373	Copestone.	Welland.	Divine service.
" 11 "	402	Central.	Essex.	Divine service.
" 11 "	255	Sydenham.	Dresden.	Divine service.
" 11 "	395	Parvaim.	Comber.	Divine service.
" 11 "	312	Pnyx.	Wallaceburg.	Divine service.
" 11 "	391	Howard.	Ridgetown.	Divine service.
" 11 "	274	Kent.	Blenheim.	Divine service.
" 11 "	196	Madawaska.	Arnprior.	Divine service.

GRAND LODGE OF CANADA.

DISPENSATIONS—Continued.

DATE	No.	WHERE HELD	NAME OF LODGE	FOR WHAT GRANTED
July 11, 1905	415	Fort William	Fort William	Divine service.
" 11, "	414	Pequonga	Kenora	Divine service.
" 15, "	419	Stirling	Stirling	To install officers.
" 15, "	120	Warren	Fingal	Divine service.
" 20, "	300	Mt. Olivet	Thorndale	Divine service.
" 20, "	84	Clinton	Clinton	To install officers.
" 22, "	290	Leamington	Leamington	Divine service.
" 31, "	123	Renfrew	Renfrew	To hold a picnic.
Aug. 8, "	90	Manito	Collingwood	To hold an excursion.
" 8, "	431	Moravian	Eden Grove	To install officers.
" 11, "	354	Dufferin	Melbourne	Divine service.
" 11, "	260	Washington	Petrolia	Divine service.
" 12, "	33	Maitland	Goderich	Divine service.
" 17, "	61	Acacia	Hamilton	To hold an At Home.
" 17, "	196	Madawaska	Arnprior	To decorate graves.
" 21, "	304	Minerva	Stroud	Divine service.
" 22, "	344	Merrill	Dorchester	Divine service.
" 22, "	295	Conestogo	Drayton	Divine service.
Sept. 14, "	272	Raymour	Ancaster	Divine service.
" 16, "	169	Goodwood	Richmond	Divine service.
" 16, "	263	Forest	Forest	Divine service.
" 20, "	292	Robertson	King	Divine service.
" 20, "	376	Unity	Huntsville	To elect officers.
" 29, "	357	Waterdown	Millgrove	Divine service.
" 30, "	48	King Solomon's	Woodstock	To initiate within time limit.

DISPENSATIONS—Continued.

DATE	No.	NAME OF LODGE	WHERE HELD	FOR WHAT GRANTED
Oct. 2, 1905	291	Dufferin..	W. Flamboro	Divine service.
" 5, "	383	Henderson	Norton..	To initiate within time limit.
" 11, "	207	Lancaster	Lancaster	To install officers.
" 11, "	110	Central	Prescott..	To hold an At Home.
" 12, "	9	Union.	Napanee..	To initiate within time limit.
" 12, "	100	Valley.	Dundas	Divine service.
" 12, "	88	St. George's.	Owen Sound	To hold an At Home.
" 16, "	63	St. John's	Carleton Place.	To hold an At Home.
" 23, "	405	Mattawa..	Mattawa.	To elect officers.
" 23, "	405	Mattawa..	Mattawa.	To install officers.
" 24, "	316	Doric..	Toronto	To visit Wash Lodge, Buffalo
" 27, "	180	Speed.	Guelph	Divine service.
" 31, "	433	Bonnechere..	Eganville	To hold an At Home.
" 31, "	209	Evergreen	Lanark	To install officers.
" 31, "	367	St. George's.	Toronto..	To hold an At Home.
" 31, "	164	Star in the East	Wellington	Divine service.
Nov. 3, "	418	Marville..	Marville..	To hold an At Home.
" 9, "	166	Wentworth..	Stoney Creek	To hold an At Home.
" 10, "	116	Wentworth	Stoney Creek	Divine service.
" 13, "	136	Richardson..	Stouffville	Divine service.
" 15, "	410	Zeta	Toronto..	To hold an At Home.
" 16, "	412	Keystone	Sault Ste. Marie	To hold an At Home.
" 21, "	442	Dymont	Thessalon	Divine service.
" 21, "	v. D.	Gore Bay.	Gore Bay.	Divine service.
" 23, "	287	Shuniah..	Port Arthur..	To hold an At Home.

GRAND LODGE OF CANADA.

DISPENSATIONS—Continued.

DATE	No.	NAME OF LODGE	WHERE HELD	FOR WHAT GRANTED
Nov. 23, 1905	279	New Hope ..	Hespeler ..	To hold an At Home.
" 25, "	464	King Edward ..	Sunderland ..	To hold an At Home.
" 27, "	320	Chesterville ..	Chesterville ..	To initiate within time limit.
" 29, "	76	Oxford ..	Woodstock ..	To initiate within time limit.
Dec. 4, "	276	Teeswater ..	Teeswater ..	To initiate within time limit.
" 5, "	67	Markham Union ..	Markham ..	To hold an At Home.
" 6, "	161	Grand River ..	Berlin ..	To elect officers.
" 8, "	438	Harmony ..	Toronto ..	To install officers.
" 12, "	D. D.	Gore Bay ..	Gore Bay ..	Divine service.
" 12, "	466	Coronation ..	Elmvale ..	To install officers.
" 12, "	266	Northern Light ..	Stayner ..	To elect officers.
" 12, "	185	Burlington ..	Burlington ..	To hold an At Home.
" 15, "	312	Pnyx ..	Wallaceburg ..	To install officers.
" 15, "	361	Waverley ..	Guelph ..	To install officers.
" 18, "	284	Moore ..	Courtright ..	Divine service.
" 19, "	382	Doric ..	Hamilton ..	To initiate within time limit.
" 19, "	173	Ayr ..	Ayr ..	To install officers.
" 19, "	442	Dymont ..	Thessalon ..	To install officers.
" 23, "	326	Zetland ..	Toronto ..	To raise within time limit.
" 26, "	44	St. Thomas ..	St. Thomas ..	Divine service.
" 28, "	41	St. George's ..	Kingsville ..	To install officers.
" 29, "	433	Bonnechere ..	Eganville ..	To install officers.
" 30, "	46	Wellington ..	Chatham ..	Divine service.
Jan. 2, 1906	459	Cobden ..	Cobden ..	To install officers.
" 2, "	43	Northern Light ..	Kincardine ..	To install officers.

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DATE	No.	NAME OF LODGE.	WHERE HELD	FOR WHAT GRANTED
Jan. 2, 1906	141	Tudor	Mitchell.. .. .	To install officers.
" 4, "	127	Franck	Frankford	To install officers.
" 4, "	462	Temiscaming	New Liskeard.. .. .	To initiate within time limit.
" 4, "	461	Ionic.. .. .	Rainy River.	To hold an At Home.
" 4, "	323	Alvinston	Alvinston	To hold an At Home.
" 5, "	16	St. Andrew's	Toronto.. .. .	To hold an At Home.
" 5, "	406	Spry	Fenelon Falls.. .. .	Divine service.
" 8, "	394	King Solomon's	Thamesford.	To hold an At Home.
" 8, "	450	Hawkesbury.	Hawkesbury.	To install officers.
" 10, "	316	Doric.. .. .	Toronto.. .. .	To hold an At Home.
" 11, "	438	Harmony.	Toronto.. .. .	To hold an At Home.
" 11, "	297	Preston	Preston.. .. .	To hold a banquet.
" 13, "	391	Howard.. .. .	Ridgetown.. .. .	Divine service.
" 16, "	474	Algonquin	Emsdale.. .. .	To install officers.
" 18, "	457	Century.. .. .	Merlin	To install officers.
" 22, "	362	Maple Leaf.. .. .	Tara	To install officers.
" 22, "	412	Keystone	Sault Ste. Marie	To hold an At Home.
" 22, "	339	Orient.. .. .	Toronto.. .. .	To hold an At Home.
" 22, "	90	Manito	Collingwood.	To initiate within time limit.
" 25, "	223	Norwood.. .. .	Norwood.	To install officers.
" 25, "	103	Maple Leaf.. .. .	St. Catharines.. .. .	To hold an At Home.
" 25, "	426	Stanley	Toronto Junction.. .. .	To hold an At Home.
" 27, "	29	United	Brighton.	To install officers.
" 30, "	445	Lake of the Woods	Kenora	To install officers.
" 30, "	186	Plantagenet.	Plantagenet.	To hold an At Home.

GRAND LODGE OF CANADA.

DISPENSATIONS--Continued.

Date	No.	Name of Lodge	Where Held	For What Granted
Jun. 30, 1908	86	Wilson	Toronto.....	To hold a banquet.
Feb. 1, "	320	Chesterville. . .	Chesterville. . .	To hold a banquet.
" 6, "	144	Tecumseh	Stratford. . .	To hold an At Home.
" 6, "	435	Havelock. . .	Havelock. . .	To hold an At Home.
" 9, "	300	Mt. Olivet	Thorndale	To hold an At Home.
" 9, "	255	Sydenham	Dresden. . .	To hold an At Home.
" 9, "	412	Keystone. . .	Sault Ste. Marie	To hold an At Home.
" 12, "	75	St. John's. . .	Toronto. . .	To hold an At Home.
" 12, "	22	King Solomon's. .	Toronto. . .	To hold an At Home.
" 14, "	286	Wingham	Wingham	To initiate within time limit.
" 14, "	384	Alpha. . .	Toronto. . .	To hold an At Home.
" 21, "	290	Leamington. . .	Leamington. . .	To initiate within time limit.
" 21, "	343	Georgina. . .	Toronto. . .	To hold an At Home.
" 23, "	412	Keystone. . .	Sault Ste. Marie	To hold an At Home.
Feb. 23, "	283	Forest. . .	Forest. . .	To hold an At Home.
" 23, "	386	McColl	West Lorne. . .	Divine service.
" 24, "	99	Tuscan	Newmarket. . .	To hold an At Home.
" 26, "	297	Preston	Preston. . .	To initiate within time limit.
" 26, "	467	Tottenham. . .	Tottenham. . .	To hold an At Home.
" 28, "	64	Killwinning. . .	London	To hold an At Home.
" 28, "	437	Tuscan	Sarnia. . .	To hold an At Home.
" 28, "	307	Arkona	Arkona. . .	To initiate within time limit.
Mch. 5, "	151	Grand River. . .	Berlin. . .	To initiate within time limit.
" 6, "	246	Tecumseh	Thamesville. . .	To hold an At Home.

DISPENSATIONS--Continued.

DATE	No.	NAME OF LODGE	WHERE HELD	FOR WHAT GRANTED
Feb. 9, 1906	426	Stanley	Toronto Junction	To hold an At Home.
" 14, "	316	Doric	Toronto	To hold a concert.
" 14, "	462	Temiscaming	New Lisheard	To initiate within time limit.
" 24, "	223	Norwood	Norwood	To initiate within time limit.
" 28, "	113	Wilson	Waterford	To hold an At Home.
Apr. 2, "	290	Leamington	Leamington	To initiate within time limit.
" 4, "	38	Trent	Trenton	To raise within time limit.
" 10, "	413	Powassen	Powassen	To install officers.
" 10, "	88	St. George's	Owen Sound	Divine service.
" 10, "	151	Grand River	Berlin	To initiate within time limit.
" 11, "	u d.	The Beaches	Balmly Beach	To hold an At Home.
" 16, "	383	Henderson	Winchester	To hold a banquet.
" 17, "	7	Union	Grimsby	To hold an At Home.
" 17, "	372	Palmer	Bridgeburg	To hold an At Home.
" 18, "	471	King Edward VII	Chippewa	Divine service.
" 18, "	338	Dufferin	Wellandport	Divine service.
May 10, "	56	Victoria	Sarnia	To initiate within time limit.
" 12, "	358	River Park	Streetsville	Divine service.
" 15, "	382	Doric	Hamilton	To hold an excursion.
" 21, "	305	Humber	Weston	To install officers.
" 23, "	430	Acacia	East Toronto	To hold an At Home.
" 23, "	458	Wales	Wales	To install officers.
" 23, "	47	Great Western	Windsor	Divine service.
" 23, "	61	Acacia	Hamilton	Divine service.
" 23, "	88	St. George's	Owen Sound	To hold an excursion.

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No.	NAME OF LODGE	WHERE HELD	FOR V
197	Saugeen.. .. .	Walkerton	To initiate
258	Guelph	Guelph	To install
352	Granite	Parry Sound	Divine ser
437	Tuscan	Sarnia	Divine ser
223	Norwood.. .. .	Norwood.	Divine ser
55	Merrickville.	Merrickville.	Divine ser
465	Carleton.. .. .	Carp	Divine ser
435	Havelock.	Havelock.	Divine ser
85	Rising Sun.. .. .	Athens	Divine ser
141	Tudor.	Mitchell.. .. .	Divine ser
467	Tottenham	Tottenham.. .. .	Divine ser
394	King Solomon's.	Thamesford.. .. .	Divine ser
n. n.	Harding.. .. .	Woodville	Divine ser

DISPENSATIONS—Continued.

DATE	No.	NAME OF LODGE	WHERE HELD	FOR WHAT GRANTED
June 11, 1906	400	Oakville..	Oakville..	Divine service.
" 11, "	372	Palmer ..	Bridgeburg..	Divine service.
" 11, "	196	Madawaska..	Arnprior..	Divine service.
" 11, "	30	Composite ..	Wnithby ..	Divine service.
" 11, "	408	Murray ..	Beaverton ..	Divine service.
" 11, "	395	Parvaim..	Comber ..	Divine service.
" 12, "	7	Union.	Grimsby..	Divine service.
" 12, "	U. D.	Gore Bay. .	Gore Bay. .	Divine service.
" 12, "	114	Hope... ..	Port Hope ..	Divine service.
" 12, "	396	Cedar... ..	Wlarton..	Divine service.
" 13, "	43	King Solomon's.	Woodstock..	Divine service.
" 13, "	460	Rideau ..	Seeley's Bay.	Divine service.
" 13, "	429	Port Elgin ..	Port Elgin ..	Divine service.
" 13, "	343	Georgina..	Toronto..	To install officers.
" 14, "	312	Pnyx... ..	Wallaceburg.	Divine service.
" 14, "	154	Irving.	Lucan.	Divine service.
" 14, "	128	Pembroke ..	Pembroke ..	Divine service.
" 15, "	377	Lorne.	Shelburne ..	Divine service.
" 15, "	90	Manito ..	Collingwood.	Divine service.
" 15, "	236	Manitoba. .	Cookstown ..	Divine service.
" 15, "	459	Cobden ..	Cobden ..	Divine service.
" 15, "	302	St. David's ..	St. Thomas..	Divine service.
" 15, "	239	Tweed ..	Tweed ..	Divine service.
" 16, "	461	Ionic... ..	Rainy River.	Divine service.
" 16, "	261	Oak Branch..	Innerkip... ..	L. vine service.

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No.	NAME OF LODGE	WHERE HELD	For V
17	Sturgeon Falls..	Sturgeon Falls.	Divine ser
19	Goodwood ..	Richmond ..	Divine ser
22	Dalhousie. . .	Ottawa ..	Divine ser
33	Strong ..	Sundridge ..	Divine ser
39	Victoria..	Centreville..	Divine ser
55	Sydenham ..	Dresden ..	Divine ser
60	Belmont ..	Belmont..	Divine ser
63	Spry..	Beeton ..	Divine ser
77	Pythagoras..	Meaford..	Divine ser
111	Leeds. . .	Gananoque ..	Divine ser
113	Sussex ..	Brockville ..	Divine ser
114	St. Francis..	Smith's Falls ..	Divine ser
115	St. George's..	St. Catharines	Divine ser

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Date	No.	Name of Lodge	Where Held	For What Granted
June 21, 1906	48	Madoc.	Madoc	Divine service.
" 22, "	184	Old Light	Lucknow.	Divine service.
" 22, "	267	Parthenon	Chatham.	Divine service.
" 22, "	370	Harmony.	Delta.	Divine service.
" 22, "	88	St. George's.	Owen Sound.	To install officers.
" 23, "	68	St. John's.	Ingersoll.	Divine service.
" 23, "	193	Lebanon Forest	Exeter	Divine service.
" 23, "	33	Maitland.	Goderich	Divine service.
" 23, "	283	Doric.	Parkhill.	Divine service.
" 23, "	402	Central	Essex.	Divine service.
" 23, "	382	Doric.	Hamilton.	To initiate within time limit.
" 23, "	U. D.	Milverton	Milverton.	To initiate within time limit.
" 25, "	373	Copestone	Welland.	To initiate within time limit.
" 26, "	414	Pequonga	Kenora	Divine service.
" 26, "	464	Kling Edward	Sunderland.	Divine service.
" 26, "	376	Unity.	Huntsville	Divine service.
" 28, "	165	Burlington	Burlington	Divine service.
" 28, "	237	Vienna	Vienna	To install officers.
" 28, "	254	Clifton	Niagara Falls	To install officers.
" 28, "	135	St. Clair.	Milton	Divine service.
" 29, "	125	Cornwall.	Cornwall.	Divine service.
" 30, "	166	Wentworth.	Stoney Creek	To hold an excursion.

List of By-laws confirmed by the Grand Master.

Date	Name	No.	Place
1905. July 24	Stirling	69,	Stirling.
" July 27	Temiscaming	462,	New Liskeard.
" Oct 11	Parthenon	267,	Chatham.
" Oct. 17	Lanadowne	367,	Lanadowne.
" Oct. 20	King Edward	464,	Sunderland.
" Nov. 8	Algoma	469,	Sault Ste. Marie.
" Nov. 11	Doric	455,	Little Current.
" Nov. 16	St. John's	40,	Hamilton.
" Nov. 28	Doric	121,	Brantford.
" Nov. 30	Victoria	470,	Victoria Harbor.
" Dec. 1	Prince of Wales	371,	Ottawa
1906. Feb. 23	St. John's	63,	Carleton Place
" Mch. 10	King Edward VII	471,	Chippawa.
" May 10	Peel	468,	Caledon, East.
" June 12	King Solomon's	394,	Thamesford.

List of amendments to By-laws confirmed by the M. W. Grand Master.

Date	Name	No.	Place.
1905. July 26	Alpha	384,	Toronto.
" July 27	Wilson	86,	Toronto.
" Aug. 3	Renfrew	122,	Renfrew.
" Sept. 11	Acacia	61,	Hamilton.
" Sept. 21	Lebanon	139,	Oshawa.
" Oct. 12	Doric	316,	Toronto.
" Oct. 14	Temple	334,	Hamilton
" Oct. 25	King Hiram	37,	Ingersoll.
" Nov. 21	Wellington	40,	Chatham.

1905.	Nov. 18.	Union.....	380,	London.
"	Nov. 23.	Tuscan.....	437,	Sarnia.
"	Dec. 4.	Brougham Union.....	269,	Brougham.
"	Dec. 7.	Doric.....	58,	Ottawa.
"	Dec. 20.	Forest.....	182,	Wroeter.
"	Dec. 23.	Scott.....	421,	Grand Valley.
1906.	Jan. 20.	St. George's.....	41,	Kingsville.
"	Jan. 31.	Palmer.....	372,	Bridgeburg.
"	Feb. 16.	Union.....	7,	Grimsby.
"	Mar. 19.	Peterborough.....	155,	Peterborough.
"	Mar. 27.	Ashlar.....	247,	Toronto.
"	Apr. 12.	Murray.....	408,	Beaverton.
"	Apr. 24.	Occident.....	346,	Toronto.
"	Apr. 25.	Civil Service.....	146,	Ottawa.
"	Apr. 28.	Havelock.....	436,	Havelock.
"	May 21.	Zeta.....	410,	Toronto.
"	May 23.	Hanover.....	432,	Hanover.
"	May 26.	Galt.....	257,	Galt.
"	May 25.	Great Western.....	47,	Windsor.
"	May 28.	Lodge of Fidelity.....	231,	Ottawa.
"	June 6.	Pequong.....	414,	Kenora.
"	June 6.	St. George's.....	88,	Owen Sound.
"	June 6.	Doric.....	382,	Hamilton.
"	June 9.	Harmony.....	438,	Toronto.
"	June 18.	Barton.....	6,	Hamilton.

No.	Name of Lodge.	Where
219	Credit	Geor
324	Temple.. .. .	Ham
294	Moore.. .. .	Cour
409	Golden Rule	Grav
269	Brougham Union. .. .	Clare
306	Durham	Durh
408	Murray.	Beave
113	Wilson.. .. .	Water
256	Farran's Point	Aultsv
455	Doric	Little
77	Faithful Brethren. .. .	Linds
65	Rehoboam.. .. .	Toront
294	Moore.. .. .	Courtr
6	Barton	Ham
76	Oxford.. .. .	Woods
237	Vienna.. .. .	Vienna
151	The Grand River. .. .	Berlin
17	St. John's	Cobour
25	Ionic.	Toront
143	Friendly Brothers	Iroquoi
180	Speed	Guelph
449	Dundalk.	Dundal
65	Rehoboam.. .. .	Toront
304	Minerva	Stroud
408	Murray.. .. .	Beaver
16	St. Andrew's	Toront
357	Waterdown.	Millgro
2	Niagara.	Niagar
313	Clementi	Lakefie
109	Albion	Harrow
426	Stanley.. .. .	Toront
256	Farran's Point.	Aultsv
98	True Blue.. .. .	Bolton
449	Dundalk	Dundal
219	Credit	

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No.	Name of Lodge.	Where Held.	Amount.
107	St. Paul's	Lambeth.	15 00
115	Ivy	Beamsville	4 50
164	Star in the East.. ..	Wellington.. .. .	36 00
18	Prince Edward	Picton	10 00
392	Huron	Camlachie.. .. .	3 00
242	Macoy	Mallorytown	16 00
123	Belleville	Belleville	6 00
433	Bonnechere	Eganville	63 00
270	Cedar.	Oshawa.. .. .	185 00
440	Arcadia.	Minden	15 00
77	Faithful Brethren. . . .	Lindsay.. .. .	15 00
110	Central.. .. .	Prescott.	48 00
416	Lyn.	Lynn.	22 00
330	Corinthian.. .. .	London	17 00
105	St. Mark's	Niagara Falls South..	37 00
40	St. John's.. .. .	Hamilton	50 00
312	Pnyx.	Wallaceburg	39 00
469	Algoma.. .. .	Sault Ste. Marie	49 00
331	Fordwich	Fordwich	12 00
435	Havelock	Havelock	82 00
408	Murray.. .. .	Beaverton	15 00
100	Valley	Dundas	64 50
430	Acacia	East Toronto	28 00
57	Harmony	Binbrook	14 00
258	Guelph	Guelph	50 00
470	Victoria.. .. .	Victoria Harbor	26 00
97	Sharon.. .. .	Queensville.	22 00
235	Aldworth	Paisley	35 00
279	New Hope	Hespeler.	40 00
146	Prince of Wales.. .. .	Newburgh	5 00
64	Kilwinning.. .. .	London	50 00
264	Chaudiere.. .. .	Ottawa	2 00
322	North Star.	Owen Sound	121 00
6	Barton	Hamilton	5 00
178	Plattsville.. .. .	Plattsville	3 00
449	Dundalk	Dundalk.. .. .	6 00
155	Peterboro	Peterboro	50 00
321	Walker.. .. .	Acton.	64 50
62	St. Andrew's	Caledonia	13 00
92	Cataraqui	Kingston	34 00
128	Pembroke.. .. .	Pembroke	24 00
408	Murray.. .. .	Beaverton	10 00
357	Waterdown	Millgrove	5 00
272	Seymour	Ancaster.	3 00
346	Occident	Toronto.. .. .	3 00
7	Union	Grimsby.. .. .	5 00
306	Durham.	Durham.. .. .	23 00
257	Galt.	Galt	41 00
432	Hanover	Hanover.. .. .	18 00
69	Stirling.. .. .	Stirling.. .. .	2 00
228	Prince Arthur.	Odessa	37 00
170	Britannia	Seaforth.. .. .	3 00
384	Alpha	Toronto	50 00
260	Washington	Petrolia.. .. .	28 00

286	Wingham	..	..	..	..	Win
200	St. Alban's.	..	..	..	..	Mt.
149	Erie..	..	..	..	..	Port
119	Maple Leaf	..	..	..	..	Bath
149	Erie..	..	..	..	..	Port
297	Preston..	..	..	..	..	Pres
432	Hanover	..	..	..	..	Han
304	Minerva.	..	..	..	..	Stroi
357	Waterdown.	..	..	..	..	Millg
62	St. Andrew's	..	..	..	..	Caled
389	Crystal Fountain.	..	..	..	..	N. Al
155	Peterboro..	..	..	..	..	Peter
426	Stanley.	..	..	..	..	Toror
9	Union	..	..	..	..	Napa
113	Wilson..	..	..	..	..	Water
24	Temple..	..	..	..	..	Hamil
136	Richardson.	..	..	..	..	Stouff
109	Albion	..	..	..	..	Harro
461	Ionic.	..	..	..	..	Rainy
222	Marmora	..	..	..	..	Marm
10	Norfolk..	..	..	..	..	Simco
30	Composite..	..	..	..	..	Whitb
65	Rehoboam..	..	..	..	..	Toron
410	Zeta..	..	..	..	..	Toron
404	Lorne	..	..	..	..	Tamw
277	Seymour.	..	..	..	..	Port l
333	Prince Arthur.	..	..	..	..	Fleshe
361	Waverley	..	..	..	..	Guelph
3	Ancient St. John's	..	..	..	..	Kings
223	Norwood	..	..	..	..	Norwo
104	St. John's..	..	..	..	..	Norwi
137	Pythagoras.	Meaf
203	Irvine	Elora.
367	St. George..	Toron
427	Nickel	Sudbu
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No.	Name of Lodge	Where Held.	Amount.
201	Leeds	Gananoque	126 50
230	Kerr	Barrie	30 00
405	Mattawa	Mattawa	76 00
313	Clement	Lakefield	14 00
384	Alpha	Toronto	34 50
101	Corinthian	Peterboro	153 00
108	Blenheim	Princeton	2 00
372	Palmer	Bridgeburg	60 00
471	King Edward VII	Chippewa	39 00
420	Nipissing	North Bay	48 50
87	Markham Union	Markham	12 00
103	Maple Leaf	St. Catharines	3 00
105	St. Mark's	Niagara Falls	11 00
121	Doric	Brantford	87 00
324	Temple	Hamilton	25 00
63	St. John's	Carleton Place	68 00
14	Mississippi	Almonte	71 00
52	Dalhousie	Ottawa	63 00
58	Doric	Ottawa	73 00
177	The Builders	Ottawa	36 00
23	Fidelity	Ottawa	54 00
264	Chaudiere	Ottawa	52 00
371	Prince of Wales	Ottawa	67 00
383	Henderson	Winchester	32 00
312	Pnyx	Wallaceburg	13 00
220	Zeredatha	Uxbridge	20 00
26	Ontario	Port Hope	89 00
331	Fordwich	Fordwich	18 00
332	Stratford	Stratford	200 00
23	Richmond	Richmond Hill	27 00
272	Seymour	Ancaster	69 00
463	North Entrance	Hamorton	11 00
U.D.	Victoria	Toronto Junction	40 00
	Toronto West District, No. 11		46 50
	Toronto East District, No. 11a		46 50
86	Wilson	Toronto	220 00
143	Friendly Brothers	Iroquois	41 00
414	Pequonga	Kenora	30 00
456	Elma	Monkton	25 00
320	Chesterville	Chesterville	16 00
291	Dufferin	W. Flamboro	10 00
66	Durham	Newcastle	9 00
423	Strong	Sundridge	38 00
364	Dufferin	Melbourne	2 00
209a	St. John's	London	91 50
259	Springfield	Springfield	17 00
285	Seven Star	Alliston	28 00
210	Central	Prescott	12 00
6	Barton	Hamilton	162 80
186	Plantagenet	Plantagenet	18 00
229	Ionic	Brampton	175 00
61	Acacia	Hamilton	125 00
324	Temple	Hamilton	3 00
27	Strict Observance	Hamilton	110 00

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Hamilton, July 18th, 1906.

GRAND TREASURER'S REPORT.

To the Most Worshipful the Grand Master, Officers and Members of the Grand Lodge of A. F. & A. M. of Canada, in the Province of Ontario :

I herewith submit a statement of Receipts and Expenditures of the Grand Lodge for the year ending 31st May, 1906. The balance at the credit of the Current

Account in the Canadian Bank of Commerce on the 31st day of May, 1905, was.. .. .	\$ 6,498 63
Less cheques issued but not presented for payment at close of year. . . .	345 27
	<u>\$ 6,153 36</u>

During the year the following amounts have been received by me from Grand Secretary, viz., cash	\$29,556 28
Interest from investments.	4,641 26
Interest on bank deposits	179 65
	<u>\$34,377 19</u>
	<u>\$40,530 55</u>

The expenditure during the year was as follows :	
For General Charges.. .. .	\$16,591 63
For Benevolence.. .. .	22,110 00
	<u>\$38,701 63</u>

Leaving a balance of	\$ 1,828 92
Balance in bank on 31st May, 1906	\$ 3,298 92
Less cheques issued but not presented for payment up to close of year. . .	1,470 00
	<u>\$ 1,828 92</u>

STATEMENT—GENERAL FUND.

The Grand Lodge of Ancient, Free & Accepted Masons of Canada, in the Province of Ontario, in account with E. T. Malone, Grand Treasurer.

RECEIPTS.

1905.	
June 1—Balance as per Balance Sheet issued 31st May, 1905.	\$116,168 52
1906.	
May 31—Received from the Grand Secretary from interest on investments and interest on bank balances.. ..	34,377 19
	<u>\$150,545 71</u>

24—Assistant in Grand Sec
 salary to 30th June,
 24—Stenographer's salary
 1905... ..
 July 12—M. W. Bro. Benjamin
 expenses
 17—Expenses of Grand Lodg
 Hamilton
 22—J. B. Nixon, Benevolent
 22—R. L. Gunn, Auditor ..
 22—R. L. Gunn, expenses
 Board of Benevolence
 22—Grand Secretary, balance
 tals... ..
 22—Grand Secretary, on acci
 dentals, 1905-1906 ..
 27—Assistant in Grand Sec
 salary to 31st July, 1
 27—Stenographer's salary to
 1905... ..
 27—Henry Robertson, Comm
 eign Correspondence.
 27—Canadian Bank of Com
 pay Masonic Relief A
 U. S. and Canada, B
 July 27—Copp, Clark & Co., cert
 warrants
 27—Robert Duncan & Co., st
 27—A. C. Turnbull, stationery
 27—Howell Lithographing
 lithographing
 27—Hand Fireworks Co., tube
 27—French Bros., for folio bo
 27—Spectator Printing Co., p
 27—Bell Telephone Co., acc
 December 1905

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Aug.	26—Clerk in Grand Secretary's office, salary to 31st August, 1905	29 63
	26—Stenographer's salary to 31st August, 1905.	43 00
	29—Grand Secretary, balance expenses meeting Grand Lodge, Hamilton, 1905.	187 40
	31—Grand Secretary, expenses Committee on the Constitution.	8 50
Sept.	2—J. B. Nixon, account Benevolent Investigation.	150 00
	7—French Bros., cash book, etc.	22 00
	12—Grand Secretary's salary to 30th Sept., 1905.	500 00
	12—Grand Treasurer's salary to 30th Sept., 1905.	50 00
	23—Assistant in Grand Secretary's office, salary to 30th Sept., 1905.	66 00
	23—Clerk in Grand Secretary's office, office, salary to 30th Sept., 1905.	50 00
	23—Stenographer's salary to 30th Sept., 1905.	44 00
	25—Robert Harper, wreath Mrs. Murray's funeral	20 00
	18—J. B. Nixon, account Benevolent Investigation.	200 00
Oct.	2—Hamilton Masonic Hall Association, rent to 1st October, 1905.	115 00
	2—Grand Secretary, expenses as delegate to Masonic Relief Association at Syracuse	23 48
	3—Aubrey White, expenses Semi-Centennial Benevolent Fund Committee.	4 60
Sept.	29—J. H. Sootheran, agent United States Fidelity & Guarantee Co., premium on Hugh Murray's bond	12 50
Oct.	17—Office Specialty Co., furniture Grand Secretary's office.	45 80
	19—Toronto General Trust Corporation, rent of box 499 to 30th Sept., 1906	25 00
	27—Assistant in Grand Secretary's office, salary to 31st October, 1905	67 00
	27—Clerk in Grand Secretary's office, salary to 31st October, 1905	50 00
	27—Stenographer's salary to 31st Oct., 1905	43 00
	28—M. W. Bro. J. H. Burritt, account expenses	200 00
	10—Rolph & Clark, Semi-Centennial medals	715 78
Nov.	25—Assistant in Grand Secretary's office, salary to 30th November, 1905	67 00
	25—Clerk in Grand Secretary's office, salary to 30th November, 1905	50 00
	25—Stenographer's salary to 30th Nov., 1905.	43 00

1—A. T. Freed, official vi
 Lodge, 339, Toronto
 1—J. B. Nixon, Benevolent
 final payment... ..
 Dec. 6—Bell Telephone Co., at
 June, 1906... ..
 21—Assistant in Grand Sec
 salary to 31st Decem
 21—Clerk in Grand Secre
 salary to 31st Decem
 21—Stenographer's salary to
 28—Testimonial to M. W.
 P. G. M.
 1906.
 Jan. 29—Assistant in Grand Secre
 salary to 31st Jan., 1
 29—Clerk in Grand Secret
 salary to 31st January
 29—Stenographer's salary to 3
 29—Spectator Printing Co.,
 contract work.
 Feb. 19—Expenses Semi-Centennial
 26—Assistant in Grant Secre
 salary to 28th Februa
 26—Clerk in Grand Secret
 salary to 28th Februa
 26—Stenographer's salary to 2
 March 3—Grand Secretary's salar
 March, 1906
 3—Grand Treasurer's salar
 March, 1906
 3—Hamilton Masonic Hall
 rent to 31st March, 1
 17—R. L. Gunn, Auditor, to 31
 27—Expenses M. W. Bro. Walk
 28—Assistant in Grand Secre
 salary to 31st March,
 28—Clerk in Grand Secret

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April 18—Grand Master Burritt, account travel- ing expenses..	200 00
26—Assistant in Grand Secretary's office, salary to 30th April, 1906	67 00
26—Stenographer's salary to 30th April, 1906..	43 00
26—Clerk in Grand Secretary's office, salary to 30th April, 1906.. . . .	50 00
May 2—Henry T. Smith, reporting investiga- tion Bro. Jones against Stevenson Lodge, 218..	43 00
19—Reid Press Printing Co., special print- ing	506 00
28—Assistant in Grand Secretary's office, salary to 31st May, 1906	67 00
28—Clerk in Grand Secretary's office, salary to 31st May, 1906	50 00
28—Stenographer's salary to 31st May, 1906..	43 00
29—M. W. Bro. Motley H. Flint, G. M., California relief distress	1,000 00
31—Benevolent orders, as per list	22,110 00
31—Balance, as per balance sheet	111,844 08
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	\$150,545 71

The attached Balance Sheet shows the amount to the credit of the General Fund on the 31st day of May, 1906, and the sums invested with rates of interest. All the debentures are deposited in the vaults of the Toronto General Trusts Corporation, and are under the care of the Grand Treasurer and the Grand Secretary, who in addition to the vault clerk of the Toronto General Trusts Corporation, hold check keys of the rented vault where the debentures are deposited.

BALANCE SHEET, MAY 31, 1906.

Debentures—

Brockville Debentures, face value at 4 per cent.	\$ 3,000 00
Woodstock Debentures, face value at 6 per cent.	7,000 00
Central Canada Loan & Savings Co., at 4½ p. c.	15,000 00
Canada Permanent & Western Canada Mortgage Corporation, at 4 per cent	10,000 00
Canada Permanent & Western Canada Mortgage Corporation, at 4 per cent	10,000 00
The Landed Banking & Loan Co., at 4 per cent.	15,000 00
Canada Savings & Loan Co., at 4½ per cent.. . .	5,000 00
Ontario Loan & Debenture Co., at 4½ per cent.	5,000 00
Hamilton Provident & Loan Co., at 4½ per cent	15,000 00
City of Brantford Debentures, at 4 per cent.. . .	8,000 00
St. Thomas Debentures, at 4 per cent.. . . .	12,148 50
City of Toronto, at 3½ per cent..	4,866 66

The purchase of the 3½ per cent. City of Toronto debentures for \$4,523.00 will pay Grand Lodge interest thereon at the rate of 4.05 p. c.

\$110,015 16

SEMI-CENTENNIAL BE

To the Most Worshipful the Gran
bers of the Grand Lodge of .
the Province of Ontario.

I herewith submit a statemen
tures of the Semi-Centennial Be
months ending 31st May, 1906.

The balance at the credit of the
Canadian Bank of Commerce
of July, 1905, was
Received from the Grand Secretar
day of July, 1905, to 31st day
Bank interest
Dividend on Hamilton Masonic
Association stock, par value
standing in the name of and
by the Grand Secretary
Interest from debentures \$
Less accrued interest on pur
chase of Peterboro debent
ture of \$2,000

Premium paid on purchase of C
Ottawa 5 per cent. deb
\$10,000 purchase, to yield
cent
Discount on purchase of Peterboro

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For investment in City of Peterboro 3 per cent. debenture, purchased to pay 4 per cent. . .	2,000 00
Balance in Bank of Commerce on 31st May, 1905	3,814 83
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	\$15,841 83

BALANCE SHEET, MAY 31, 1906.

Debentures—

City of Toronto to pay 4 per cent.	\$ 5,000 00
City of Woodstock, to pay 4.05 per cent.	4,000 00
City of Ottawa, to pay 4 per cent.	10,000 00
City of Peterboro, to pay 4 per cent.	2,000 00
Balance at credit of current account in Cana- dian Bank of Commerce on 31st May, 1906.	3,814 83
\$100 stock in Hamilton Masonic Hall Associa- tion, held by and in the name of the Grand Secretary	100 00
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	\$24,914 83

Fraternally submitted.

E. T. MALONE,
Grand Treasurer.

June		1905.	
24	Mrs. W. M. W...	..	\$75 00
24	Miss M. W. ... ..	..	75 00
24	Miss M. H. H...	..	18 75
24	Mrs. T. D. H...	..	75 00
July			
3	Wldow G. S. M. ..	15	00
3	Wldow J. V.. ..	20	00
3	Wldow W. C. S. ..	25	00
3	Wldow J. F.. ..	10	00
3	Wldow S. R. ..	30	00
3	Wldow W. J. W...	20	00
3	Wldow J. P. ..	20	00
3	Wldow G. R. B. ..	25	00
3	Wldow J. J.. ..	20	00
3	Wldow S. M. ..	10	00
3	Sister J. McP.. ..	10	00
3	Wldow T. H. W. ..	15	00
3	Wldow R. A. K. ..	14	00
3	Wldow J. S.. ..	15	00
3	Wldow J. H. H. ..	10	00
3	Orphan M. N. ...	10	00
3	Sister T. H. B.. ..	15	00
3	Wldow J. K. ..	25	00
3	Wldow E. H. ..	20	00
3	Wldow J. F. H.. ..	15	00
3	Wldow A. M. ..	15	00
3	Sec.-Treas. L. B. of Relief for Bro. J. W.	10	00
3	Bro. R. T. S. ..	25	00
3	Sec.-Treas. L. B. of Relief, Hamilton, for Bro. J. B. S..	37	50
3	Bro. W. C.	25	00

July 1905.

3 Widow W. M...	10 00
3 Widow A. M. ...	10 00
3 Widow T. S. S. ...	10 00
3 Widow G. S. McF.	20 00
3 Widow C. W. M. ...	20 00
3 Sec.-Treas L. B. of Relief, Peterboro, Bro. R. G. ...	50 00
3 Widow W. B. ...	10 00
3 Widow H. C. ...	20 00
3 Widow C. D. McD.	20 00
3 Widow G. H. N. ...	15 00
3 Sister W. C. ...	25 00
3 Widow W. M. ...	20 00
3 Widow F. C. ...	10 00
3 Bro. H. O. H. ...	50 00
3 Bro. E. G. ...	50 00
3 Widow L. Y. ...	20 00
3 Widow G. S. ...	20 00
3 Widow W. J. ...	20 00
3 Sec.-Treas L. B. of Relief, Toronto, for orpha S. M. P	20 00
3 Bro. J. H. ...	50 00
3 Widow G. T. P. ...	10 00
3 Widow F. S. B. ...	10 00
3 Widow R. D. M. ...	15 00
3 Widow R. P. ...	15 00
3 Widow J. M. ...	10 00
3 Widow A. R. P. ...	30 00
3 Widow J. T. G. ...	20 00
3 Widow A. S. W. ...	15 00
3 Widow T. R. ...	15 00
3 Widow J. McK. ...	20 00
3 Widow R. H. ...	10 00
3 Sec.-Treas. L. B. of Relief, Toronto, for Bro. D. B. M.	50 00
3 Widow J. R. L. S. ...	15 00
3 Widow S. R. ...	15 00
3 Widow G. W. S. ...	15 00
3 Widow J. T. J. ...	20 00
3 Widow G. H. B. ...	15 00
3 Widow J. O. ...	20 00
3 Mother J. O. ...	10 00
3 Wife F. D. ...	25 00
3 Widow A. G. ...	15 00
3 Widow C. W. W. ...	15 00
3 Widow W. E. S. ...	25 00
3 Widow T. V. ...	20 00
3 Widow S. B. ...	15 00
3 Widow W. G. R. ...	50 00
3 Dau. W. W. ...	20 00
3 Widow J. M. ...	10 00

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3 Widow H. H. ...	15 00
3 Widow F. M. B. ...	20 00
3 Widow R. G. B. ...	15 00
3 Widow A. C. ...	20 00
3 Widow J. A. ...	10 00
3 Dau. J. C. ...	30 00
3 Widow M. C. B. ...	20 00
3 Widow J. B. ...	15 00
3 Widow J. B. ...	20 00
3 Bro. J. W. C. ...	25 00
3 Widow W. B. W. ...	15 00
3 Widow J. A. B. ...	15 00
3 Bro. S. S. R. ...	50 00
3 Bro. B. B. ...	25 00
3 Bro. W. W. ...	50 00
3 Widow T. H. S. ...	20 00
3 Bro. A. C. ...	25 00
3 Widow C. E. S. B.	10 00
3 Widow M. F. H. ...	10 00
3 Bro. A. B. ...	50 00
3 Widow A. B. DeP. ...	20 00
3 Widow W. W. ...	10 00
3 Bro. J. C. ...	50 00
3 Widow C. A. ...	10 00
3 Bro. F. M. ...	50 00
3 Orphan of J. J. ...	10 00
3 Widow E. K. ...	10 00
3 Widow J. F. ...	20 00
3 Widow D. L. C. ...	10 00
3 Widow D. H. E. ...	20 00
3 Widow T. S. A. ...	40 00
3 Widow A. C. ...	20 00
3 Widow S. H. V. ...	15 00
3 Widow W. J. S. ...	30 00
3 Widow H. E. ...	40 00
3 Widow M. G. V. ...	10 00
3 Widow J. M. A. ...	10 00
3 Bro. J. M. ...	25 00
3 Bro. G. C. ...	25 00
3 Widow A. McI. ...	10 00
3 Widow A. C. C. ...	15 00
3 Bro. J. A. S. ...	12 50
3 Bro. J. P. ...	25 00
3 Widow G. G. ...	10 00
3 Widow G. C. ...	20 00
3 Widow S. T. ...	20 00
3 Widow M. J. L. ...	10 00
3 Mother of J. B. C. ...	40 00
3 Widow D. S. ...	20 00
3 Widow C. G. ...	15 00
3 Widow J. G. L. ...	40 00
3 Bro. C. R. ...	50 00
3 Widow R. F. ...	10 00
3 Widow J. C. ...	20 00

3	Widow	G. B. B.	..	20	00
3	Widow	P. R. D.:	..	10	00
3	Widow	W. E. S.	..	15	00
3	Bro.	J. S.	.. ..	25	00
3	Widow	C. B.	.. ..	20	00
3	Widow	S. A.	.. ..	20	00
3	Widow	C. M.	.. ..	20	00
3	Widow	J. W. H.	..	15	00
3	Widow	J. A. M.	..	15	00
3	Dau.	T. L.	.. ..	20	00
3	Widow	J. A. P...	..	15	00
3	Widow	J. R.	.. ..	25	00
3	Widow	F. M. D.	..	20	00
3	Bro.	G. W. A. P.	..	50	00
3	Widow	J. A.	.. ..	30	00
3	Widow	H. G. G.	..	40	00
3	W. M. Lodge 131,	Southampton, Bro.			
	J. P..	.. ..	..	50	00
3	W. M. Lodge, Stouff-	ville, for Bro. J.C.		25	00
3	Widow	S. L.	.. ..	20	00
3	Bro.	R. C. W...	..	25	00
3	Widow	W. E. J.	..	25	00
3	Widow	L. W. W.	..	20	00
3	Widow	J. A.	.. ..	25	00
3	W. M. Lodge 146,	Newburgh, for or-			
	phans J. R. S.	..	20	00	
3	Widow	R. G.	.. ..	10	00
3	Widow	W, C.	.. ..	20	00
3	Widow	N. R. R.	..	40	00
3	Widow	L. N.	.. ..	20	00
3	Widow	A. S.	.. ..	40	00
3	Bro.	N. J. L.	.. ..	25	00
3	Widow	R. E. H.	..	15	00

July 1905.	July 1905.
3 Bro. C. S. 25 00	27 Widow E. K. 5 00
3 Bro. T. P. 25 00	27 Widow W. J. C. 10 00
3 Widow W. R. 20 00	27 Widow J. W. S. 20 00
3 Widow R. E. 30 00	27 Widow D. R. 25 00
27 Widow A. S. 15 00	27 Widow J. B. 15 00
27 Widow S. M. 5 00	27 Widow J. Y. 10 00
27 Widow G. P. 30 00	27 Widow C. F. R. 30 00
27 Widow T. H. W. 5 00	27 Widow R. H. 10 00
27 Widow G. S. 5 00	27 Widow T. J. J. 20 00
27 Widow A. S. D. 20 00	27 Widow G. R. R. 20 00
27 Daughter P. P. 15 00	27 Widow A. G. R. 10 00
27 Bro. S. M. 25 00	27 Bro. J. S. 25 00
27 Widow G. S. 10 00	27 Widow G. S. 20 00
27 Widow W. S. C. 50 00	27 Widow J. F. 40 00
27 Widow T. E. McD. 15 00	27 Widow J. A. 10 00
27 Widow G. S. 15 00	27 Widow J. McC. 30 00
27 Widow J. T. 10 00	27 Widow L. W. W. 5 00
27 Widow R. O. 10 00	27 Hattie, dau. J.R.S. 5 00
27 Widow T. W. H. 10 00	27 Bro. T. W. 50 00
27 Widow W. P. 5 00	27 Sec.-Treas. L. B. of
27 Widow G. T. 5 00	Relief, Toronto,
27 Widow J. C. M. 30 00	for Bro. A.W.McL 40 00
27 Widow W. A. W. 15 00	27 Widow J. S. 20 00
27 Widow J. S. 15 00	27 Bro. R. K. B. 25 00
27 Widow J. B. 5 00	27 Widow R. C. C. 25 00
27 Widow A. L. 15 00	27 Widow D. McN. 10 00
27 Sec.-Treas L. B. of	27 Bro. H. T. 25 00
Relief, St. Thomas,	27 Bro. F. McE. 25 00
for Bro. G. L. F. 15 00	27 Bro. R. V. 25 00
27 Widow J. L. H. 15 00	27 Widow H. R. 10 00
27 Widow T. A. 20 00	27 Bro. W. A. R. 50 00
27 Widow G. T. P. 10 00	27 Widow W. B. S. 25 00
27 Widow F. S. B. 5 00	27 Widow C. C. G. 40 00
27 Wife of A. B. 50 00	27 W. Bro. G. H. W.,
27 Widow G. H. B. 10 00	Penetang, for Bro.
27 Widow G. M. McI. 20 00	G. A. F. C. 5 00
27 Widow H. J. C. 10 00	27 Widow W. G. S. 20 00
27 Widow F. W. S. 25 00	27 Widow A. C. 10 00
27 Bro. F. W. T. 15 00	September.
27 Widow W. E. H. 25 00	21 Bro. A. W. 50 00
27 Bro. J. R. 50 00	26 Mrs. W. M. W. 75 00
27 Widow R. H. D. 20 00	26 Miss M. W. 75 00
27 Widow G. C. P. 30 00	26 Miss M. H. H. 18 75
27 Widow H. H. 5 00	26 Mrs. T. D. H. 75 00
27 Widow J. S. 15 00	26 Widow A. S. 45 00
27 Widow M. C. B. 20 00	October.
27 Bro. N. J. L. 25 00	20 W. M. Lodge No.
27 Widow R. A. D. 30 00	38, Trenton, ex-
27 Bro. B. B. 25 00	penses, etc., Bro.
27 Widow C. E. S. B. 5 00	J. C's sickness. 50 00
27 Bro. H. R. 25 00	20 Bro. H. T. 50 00
27 Bro. S. A. M. 25 00	27 W. M. Lodge No.
27 Widow C. A. 5 00	27, Hamilton, for
27 Ethel S., dau J. J. 5 00	benefit Wid. R. G. 50 00

24	Widow S. M. . . .	15 00	1
24	Widow G. P. . . .	30 00	1
24	Sister J. McP . . .	10 00	1
24	Widow T. H. W. . .	20 00	1
24	Widow R. A. K. . .	15 00	1
24	Widow G. S. . . .	20 00	1
24	Frances, orph. M.N.	10 00	1
24	Mrs. Carrie Ault,		2
	sister T. H. B... .	15 00	2
24	Widow J. K. . . .	25 00	2
24	Widow E. H. . . .	20 00	2
24	Widow J. F. H. . .	15 00	2
24	Widow A. M. . . .	15 00	2
24	Widow R. M. K. . .	15 00	2
24	Widow A. S. D. . .	20 00	2
24	Sec.-Treas. L. B. of		2
	Relief, Hamilton,		2
	for Bro. J. W. . .	10 00	2
24	Bro. R. T. S. . . .	25 00	2
24	Sec.-Treas. L. B. of		2
	Relief, Hamilton,		2
	for Bro. J. B. S..	37 50	2
24	Bro. W. C.	25 00	2
24	Bro. S. M... . . .	25 00	2
24	Widow R. W. . . .	10 00	2
24	Widow G. S. . . .	10 00	2
24	Widow T. E. McD..	15 00	2
24	Widow G. S. . . .	15 00	2
24	Bro. W. H.	25 00	2
24	Daughter J. D.. . .	25 00	2
24	Widow J. M. . . .	20 00	2
24	Widow J. W. . . .	10 00	2
24	Widow J. T. . . .	10 00	2
24	Widow J. W. . . .	10 00	
24	Widow W. J. A. . .	20 00	
24	Bro. W. McC . . .	25 00	2
24	Widow W. . . .		

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24 Bro. H. O. H...	50 00
24 Bro. E. G...	50 00
24 Widow L. Y...	20 00
24 Widow G. S...	20 00
24 Widow W. J...	20 00
24 Sec. L. B. of Relief Toronto, Orphans S. M. P...	20 00
24 W. M. Lodge No. 22, Toronto, for Bro. J. H...	50 00
24 Widow J. L. H...	15 00
24 Widow T. A...	20 00
24 Sec.-Treas L. B. of Relief, Toronto, for Bro. D. B. M.	50 00
24 Widow G. T. P...	20 00
24 Widow F. S. B...	15 00
24 Widow R. D. M...	15 00
24 Widow R. P...	15 00
24 Widow J. M...	10 00
24 Widow A. R. P...	30 00
24 Widow J. T. G...	20 00
24 Widow A. S. W...	15 00
24 Widow T. R...	15 00
24 Widow J. M...	20 00
24 Widow R. H...	10 00
24 Widow J. R. L. S...	15 00
24 Widow S. R...	15 00
24 Widow J. T. J...	20 00
24 Wife A. B...	50 00
24 Widow G. H. B...	25 00
24 Widow J. O...	20 00
24 Mother J. O...	10 00
24 Wife F. D...	25 00
24 Widow A. G...	15 00
24 Widow G. W. W...	10 00
24 Widow G. M. McI.	20 00
24 Widow H. J. C...	10 00
24 Widow F. W. S...	25 00
24 Bro. J. T. T...	15 00
24 Widow W. E. H...	25 00
24 Bro. J. R...	50 00
24 Widow R. H. D...	20 00
24 Widow G. C. P...	30 00
24 Bro. T. G...	25 00
24 Widow T. V...	20 00
24 Widow S. B...	15 00
24 Bro. M. G. R...	50 00
24 Daughter W. W...	20 00
24 Widow J. M...	10 00
24 Widow H. H...	20 00
24 Widow F. M. B...	20 00
24 Widow J. S...	15 00

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24 Widow A. C...	20 00
24 Widow J. A...	10 00
24 Daughter J. C...	30 00
24 Widow M. C. B...	40 00
24 Widow J. B...	15 00
24 Bro. N. J. L...	50 00
24 Widow J. B...	20 00
24 Bro. J. W. C...	25 00
24 Widow R. A. D...	30 00
24 Widow W. B. W...	15 00
24 Widow J. S. B...	15 00
24 Bro. S. S. R...	50 00
24 Bro. B. B...	50 00
24 Widow T. H. S...	20 00
24 Bro. A. C...	25 00
24 Widow C. E. S. B...	15 00
24 Widow M. F. H...	10 00
24 Bro. A. K...	50 00
24 Widow A. B. DeP.	20 00
24 Widow E. W...	10 00
24 Bro. H. R...	25 00
24 Bro. S. A. M...	25 00
24 Widow C. A...	15 00
24 Bro. F. M...	50 00
24 Esther S., dau. J. J.	15 00
24 Widow E. K...	15 00
24 Widow J. F...	20 00
24 Widow D. L. C...	10 00
24 Widow B. H. E...	20 00
24 Widow T. S. A...	40 00
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24 Widow S. H. V...	15 00
24 Widow H. H. E...	40 00
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24 Widow W. J. C...	10 00
24 Bro. J. M...	25 00
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24 Widow J. W. S...	20 00
24 Widow D. R...	25 00
24 Widow J. B...	15 00
24 Widow J. Y...	10 00
24 Widow G. W. W...	20 00
24 Widow A. McI.	10 00
24 Widow C. F. R...	30 00
24 Widow A. C. C...	10 00
24 Widow R. H...	10 00
24 Bro. J. A. S...	12 50
24 Bro. J. P...	25 00
24 Widow G. G...	10 00
24 Widow G. C...	20 00
24 Widow S. T...	20 00
24 Widow M. J. L...	10 00
24 Mother J. B. C...	40 00
24 Widow D. S...	20 00

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24 Widow J. G. L. ..	40 00	24 Widow J. G. ..	10 00
24 Widow C. G. ..	15 00	24 Wife W. K. ...	20 00
24 Widow T. J. J. ..	20 00	24 Widow J. P. ..	30 00
24 Bro. C. R. ..	50 00	24 Widow J. Z. ..	10 00
24 Widow J. C. ...	20 00	24 Widow W. S. ..	20 00
24 Widow J. H. ..	15 00	24 Widow T. P. P. ..	15 00
24 Bro. J. E. R. ..	50 00	24 Widow D. S. L. ..	15 00
24 Widow J. W. ..	25 00	24 Widow R. H. W. ..	20 00
24 Widow W. A. ..	10 00	24 Widow J. A. S. ..	20 00
24 Widow J. S. ..	10 00	24 Widow E. S. ..	15 00
24 Widow G. R. R. ..	20 00	24 Widow D. McN. ..	10 00
24 Widow G. W. ..	10 00	24 Widow J. W. ..	20 00
24 Widow D. S. ..	10 00	24 Bro. F. McE. ...	25 00
24 Widow C. B. B. ..	20 00	24 Dau. J. McE. ...	10 00
24 Widow P. R. D. ..	10 00	24 Widow R. C. ..	15 00
24 Widow W. R. S. ..	15 00	24 Widow G. W. A. ..	20 00
24 Bro. J. S. ..	50 00	24 Bro. R. V. ..	25 00
24 Daughter C. B. ..	10 00	24 Widow E. D. ..	20 00
24 Widow G. S. ..	20 00	24 Bro. J. F. S. ..	25 00
24 Widow S. A. ..	20 00	24 Bro. C. L. ..	15 00
24 Widow C. M. ..	20 00	24 Bro. T. R. W. ..	50 00
24 Widow J. F. ..	40 00	24 Widow H. R. ..	30 00
24 Widow J. A. McL. ..	15 00	24 Bro. R. A. R. ..	50 00
24 Daughter T. L. ..	20 00	24 Widow O. Y. ..	20 00
24 Widow J. A. P. ..	15 00	24 Bro. N. K. ...	50 00
24 Widow J. R. ..	25 00	24 Widow J. M. ..	10 00
24 Widow F. M. D. ..	20 00	24 Widow F. B. ..	10 00
24 Bro. G. W. A. P. ..	50 00	24 Widow W. B. S. ..	25 00
24 Widow J. A. ..	40 00	24 Widow A. S. M. ..	20 00
24 Widow J. McC. ..	30 00	24 Bro. J. B. ..	50 00
24 W. M. Lodge 131, Southampton, for Bro. J. P. ...	50 00	24 Widow C. C. G. ..	40 00
24 W. M. Lodge 136, Stouffville, for Bro. J. C. ...	25 00	24 Widow J. D. ...	50 00
24 Widow S. L. ..	20 00	24 W. Bro. G. H. W., Penetang, for Bro. G. A. F. C. ...	30 00
24 Bro. R. C. W. ...	25 00	24 Widow A. A. N. ..	25 00
24 Widow M. E. J. ..	25 00	24 Widow W. G. S. ..	20 00
24 Widow L. W. W. ...	25 00	24 Widow J. E. E. ..	10 00
24 Widow J. A. ..	25 00	24 Widow R. A. P. ..	15 00
24 Hattie, dau. J. R. S.	25 00	24 Orphans C. A. E. W. C., for 3 young- est. ...	15 00
24 Widow R. G. ..	10 00	24 Bro. W. McK.	25 00
24 Widow W. C. ..	20 00	24 Bro. J. C. ..	25 00
24 Bro. T. W. ...	50 00	24 Bro. S. D. ...	50 00
24 Widow L. N. ..	20 00	24 Widow B. C. ..	40 00
24 Widow A. S. ..	40 00	24 Widow P. C. ..	25 00
24 Bro. C. H. M. ...	15 00	24 Widow L. M. L. ..	15 00
24 Sec. L. B. of Relief, Toronto, for Bro. W. A. McL. ...	40 00	24 W. M. Lodge 401, Deseronto, for Widow J. C. ...	20 00
24 Widow H. D. F. ..	15 00	24 Widow A. C. ..	20 00
24 Widow J. S. ..	20 00	24 Bro. W. B. ...	25 00
24 Widow R. E. H. ..	15 00	24 Widow J. P. ...	25 00

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24 Widow F. P. G. .. 25 00	20 Sec.-Treas. L. B. of
24 Bro. G. R. McL. .. 50 00	Relief, Hamilton,
24 Bro. C. S. .. 50 00	for Bro. J. B. S. 37 50
24 Bro. T. P. .. 25 00	20 Bro. W. C. .. 25 00
24 Widow W. B. .. 20 00	20 Bro. S. M. .. 25 00
24 Widow R. E. .. 15 00	20 Widow R. W. .. 10 00
24 Bro. E. B. H. .. 50 00	20 Widow T. E. MacD 15 00
24 Bro. A. B. .. 50 00	20 Widow G. S. .. 15 00
November.	20 Bro. W. H. .. 25 00
24 Bro. A. V. .. 50 00	20 M. W. R. T. W.,
December 1905.	Kingston, for dau.
4 W. M. Orillia Lodge,	J. D. .. 25 00
192, for Bro. C.	20 Widow J. M. .. 20 00
H. M. .. 15 00	20 Widow J. W. .. 10 00
21 Mrs. W. M. W. .. 75 00	20 Widow J. T. .. 10 00
21 Miss M. W. .. 75 00	20 Widow J. W. .. 10 00
21 Miss M. H. H. .. 18 75	20 Widow W. J. A. .. 20 00
21 Mrs. T. D. H. .. 75 00	20 Bro. W. McC. .. 25 00
22 Bro. S. M. C. 50 00	20 Widow W. P. .. 15 00
23 Mrs. W. J. G. 50 00	20 Widow H. L. K. .. 20 00
January 1906.	20 Widow W. T. .. 15 00
20 12 Bro. W. E. .. 50 00	20 Widow T. E. .. 15 00
March.	20 Widow J. H. .. 10 00
20 Widow G. S. M. .. 15 00	20 Widow A. F. .. 30 00
20 Widow J. V. .. 20 00	20 Widow J. W. .. 10 00
20 Widow W. O. S. .. 25 00	20 Widow W. F. S. .. 15 00
20 Widow J. F. .. 10 00	20 Widow T. W. H. .. 20 00
20 Widow A. S. .. 15 00	20 Widow T. G. S. .. 10 00
20 Widow S. R. .. 30 00	20 Widow T. M. C. L. 10 00
20 Widow W. J. W. .. 20 00	20 Widow G. C. .. 15 00
20 Widow G. R. B. .. 25 00	20 Widow A. J. .. 15 00
20 Sec.-Treas. L. B. of	20 Widow R. L. .. 10 00
Relief, Guelph,	20 Widow W. J. S. .. 15 00
Widow J. J. 20 00	20 Mother C. M. .. 10 00
20 Widow S. M. .. 15 00	20 Widow J. W. .. 10 00
20 Widow G. P. .. 30 00	20 Widow J. LeC. .. 10 00
20 Sister J. McP. 10 00	20 Widow J. L. Y. .. 10 00
20 Widow T. H. W. .. 20 00	20 Widow W. P. .. 15 00
20 Widow R. A. K. .. 15 00	20 Widow G. T. .. 20 00
20 Widow G. S. .. 20 00	20 Widow T. H. .. 10 00
20 Frances, orphan of	20 Widow J. C. M. .. 30 00
M. N. 10 00	20 Widow W. A. W. .. 15 00
20 Sister T. H. B. for	20 Widow W. H. .. 10 00
Mrs. C. A. .. 15 00	20 Widow W. H. .. 20 00
20 Widow J. K. .. 25 00	20 Widow D. G. .. 15 00
20 Widow E. H. .. 20 00	20 Widow L. G. J. .. 10 00
20 Widow J. F. H. .. 15 00	20 Widow P. G. .. 20 00
20 Widow A. M. .. 15 00	20 Widow J. E. .. 20 00
20 Widow R. M. K. .. 15 00	20 Widow J. L. H. .. 15 00
20 Widow A. S. D. .. 20 00	20 Widow J. W. M. .. 20 00
20 Sec.-Treas. L. B. of	20 Daughter W. K. .. 10 00
Relief, Hamilton,	20 Widow W. F. .. 20 00
for Bro. J. W. 10 00	20 Widow J. B. .. 20 00
20 Bro. R. T. S. 25 00	

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20 Widow W. L. . . .	10 00	20 Widow J. T. J. . . .	20 00
20 Widow W. M. H. . . .	40 00	20 Wife A. B.	50 00
20 Widow H. H.	15 00	20 Widow G. H. B. . . .	25 00
20 Wife S. M. D.	20 00	20 Widow J. O.	20 00
20 Widow F. G. B.	20 00	20 Mother J. O.	10 00
20 Widow T. J. B.	15 00	20 Wife F. D.	25 00
20 Widow J. McK.	10 00	20 Widow A. G.	15 00
20 Sam, son of J. L. . . .	25 00	20 Widow C. W. W. . . .	10 00
20 Widow A. L.	15 00	20 Widow G. M. McI. . .	20 00
20 Widow W. M.	10 00	20 Widow H. J. C. . . .	10 00
20 Widow A. M.	10 00	20 Widow F. W. S. . . .	25 00
20 Widow T. S. S.	10 00	20 Bro. J. T. T.	15 00
20 Widow G. S. M.	20 00	20 Widow W. E. H. . . .	25 00
20 Widow C. W. M. . . .	20 00	20 Bro. J. R.	50 00
20 Sec.-Treas L. B. of Relief, Peterboro, for Bro. R. H. G. . . .	50 00	20 Widow R. H. D. . . .	20 00
20 Widow W. B.	10 00	20 Widow G. C. P. . . .	30 00
20 Widow H. C.	20 00	20 Bro. T. G.	25 00
20 Widow C. D. M. . . .	20 00	20 Widow T. V.	20 00
20 Widow G. H. N. . . .	15 00	20 Widow S. B.	15 00
20 Sister W. C.	25 00	20 Bro. M. G. R.	50 00
20 Widow W. M.	20 00	20 Daughter W. W. . . .	20 00
20 Widow F. C.	10 00	20 Widow J. M.	10 00
20 Bro. H. O. H.	50 00	20 Widow H. H.	20 00
20 Bro. E. G.	50 00	20 Widow F. M. B. . . .	20 00
20 Widow L. Y.	20 00	20 Widow J. S.	15 00
20 Widow G. S.	20 00	20 Widow A. C.	20 00
20 Widow W. J.	20 00	20 Widow J. A.	10 00
20 Sec.-Treas. L. B. of Relief, Toronto, for orphans of E. M. P.	20 00	20 Daughter J. C.	30 00
20 W. M. Lodge 22, To- ronto, Bro. J. H. . . .	50 00	20 Widow M. C. B. . . .	40 00
20 Widow J. L. H. . . .	15 00	20 Widow J. B.	15 00
20 Widow T. A.	20 00	20 Bro. N. J. L.	50 00
20 Sec.-Treas L. B. of Relief, Toronto, for Bro. D. B. M. . . .	50 00	20 Widow J. B.	20 00
20 Widow G. T. P. . . .	20 00	20 Bro. J. W. C.	25 00
20 Widow F. S. B. . . .	15 00	20 Widow R. A. D. . . .	30 00
20 Widow R. D. M. . . .	15 00	20 Widow W. B. W. . . .	15 00
20 Widow R. P.	15 00	20 Widow J. S. B. . . .	15 00
20 Widow J. M.	10 00	20 Bro. S. S. R.	50 00
20 Widow A. R. P. . . .	30 00	20 Bro. B. B.	50 00
20 Widow J. T. G. . . .	20 00	20 Widow T. H. S. . . .	20 00
20 Widow A. S. W. . . .	15 00	20 Bro. A. C.	25 00
20 Widow T. R.	15 00	20 Widow C. E. S. B. . .	15 00
20 Widow J. McK. . . .	20 00	20 Widow M. F. H. . . .	10 00
20 Widow R. H.	10 00	20 Bro. A. K.	50 00
20 Widow J. R. L. S. . .	15 00	20 Widow A. B. DeP. . .	20 00
20 Widow S. R.	15 00	20 Widow E. W.	10 00
		20 Bro. H. R.	25 00
		20 Bro. S. A. M.	25 00
		20 Widow C. A.	15 00
		20 Bro. F. M.	50 00
		20 Ethel S., dau. J. J. . .	15 00
		20 Widow E. K.	15 00
		20 Widow D. L. C. . . .	10 00
		20 Widow B. H. E. . . .	20 00

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20	Widow	T. S. A.	..	40	00
20	Widow	A. C.	..	20	00
20	Widow	S. H. V.	..	15	00
20	Widow	H. E.	..	40	00
20	Widow	W. J. S.	..	20	00
20	Widow	W. J. C.	..	10	00
20	Bro.	J. M.	..	25	00
20	Bro.	G. C.	..	25	00
20	Widow	J. W. S.	..	20	00
20	Widow	D. R.	..	25	00
20	Widow	J. B.	..	15	00
20	Widow	J. Y.	..	10	00
20	Widow	G. W. W.	..	20	00
20	Widow	A. McI.	..	10	00
20	Widow	C. F. R.	..	30	00
20	Widow	A. C. C.	..	10	00
20	Widow	R. H.	..	10	00
20	Bro.	J. A. S.	..	12	50
20	Bro.	J. P.	..	25	00
20	Widow	G. G.	..	10	00
20	Widow	G. C.	..	20	00
20	Widow	S. T.	..	20	00
20	Widow	M. J. L.	..	10	00
20	Mother	J. B. C.	..	40	00
20	Widow	D. S.	..	20	00
20	Widow	J. G. L.	..	40	00
20	Widow	C. G.	..	15	00
20	Widow	T. J. J.	..	20	00
20	Bro.	C. R.	..	50	00
20	Widow	J. C.	..	20	00
20	Widow	J. H.	..	15	00
20	Bro.	J. E. R.	..	50	00
20	Widow	J. W.	..	25	00
20	Widow	W. A.	..	10	00
20	Widow	J. S.	..	10	00
20	Widow	G. H. R.	..	20	00
20	Widow	G. W.	..	10	00
20	Widow	D. S.	..	10	00
20	Widow	C. B. B.	..	20	00
20	Widow	P. R. D.	..	10	00
20	Widow	W. E. S.	..	15	00
20	Bro.	J. S.	..	50	00
20	Daughter	C. B.	..	10	00
20	Widow	G. S.	..	20	00
20	Widow	S. A.	..	20	00
20	Widow	C. M.	..	20	00
20	Widow	J. F.	..	40	00
20	Widow	J. A. McI.	..	15	00
20	Daughter	T. L.	..	20	00
20	Widow	J. A. P.	..	15	00
20	Widow	J. R.	..	25	00
20	Widow	F. M. D.	..	20	00
20	Bro.	G. W. A. P.	..	50	00

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20	Widow	J. A.	..	40	00
20	Widow	J. McC.	..	30	00
20	W. M. Lodge	131,			
	Southampton, for				
	for J. P.	..	50	00	
20	W. M. Lodge	136,			
	Stouffville, for				
	Bro. J. C.	..	25	00	
20	Widow	S. L.	..	20	00
20	Bro.	R. C. W.	..	25	00
20	Widow	W. E. J.	..	25	00
20	Widow	L. W. W.	..	25	00
20	Widow	J. A.	..	25	00
20	Hattie, dau.	J. R. S.	..	25	00
20	Widow	R. G.	..	10	00
20	Widow	W. C.	..	20	00
20	Bro.	T. W.	..	50	00
20	Widow	L. N.	..	20	00
20	Widow	A. S.	..	40	00
20	Bro.	C. H. M.	..	15	00
20	Sec.-Treas.	L. B. M.			
	Relief, Toronto,				
	for W. A. McL.	..	40	00	
20	Widow	H. D. F.	..	15	00
20	Widow	J. S.	..	20	00
20	Widow	R. E. H.	..	15	00
20	Widow	J. G.	..	10	00
20	Widow	W. K.	..	20	00
20	Widow	J. P.	..	30	00
20	Widow	J. Z.	..	10	00
20	Widow	W. S.	..	20	00
20	Widow	T. B. P.	..	15	00
20	Widow	D. S. L.	..	15	00
20	Widow	R. H. W.	..	20	00
20	Widow	J. A. S.	..	20	00
20	Widow	E. S.	..	15	00
20	Widow	D. McN.	..	10	00
20	Widow	.. W.	..	20	00
20	Bro.	F. McE.	..	25	00
20	Daughter	J. McE.	..	10	00
20	Widow	R. C.	..	15	00
20	Widow	G. W. A.	..	20	00
20	Bro.	R. V.	..	25	00
20	Widow	E. D.	..	20	00
20	Bro.	J. F. S.	..	25	00
20	Bro.	C. L.	..	15	00
20	Bro.	T. R. W.	..	50	00
20	Widow	H. R.	..	30	00
20	Widow	O. Y.	..	20	00
20	Bro.	N. K.	..	50	00
20	Widow	J. M.	..	10	00
20	Widow	F. B.	..	10	00
20	Widow	W. B. S.	..	25	00

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20 Widow A. A. M. .. 20 00	20 Bro. W. B. 25 00
20 Bro. J. B. 50 00	20 Widow J. P. 25 00
20 Widow C. C. G. .. 40 00	20 Widow F. P. G. .. 25 00
20 W. B. G. H. W., P. M. Lodge 348, Penetang, for Bro. A. F. C. 30 00	20 Bro. G. R. McL. .. 50 00
20 Widow A. A. N. .. 25 00	20 Bro. C. S. 50 00
20 Widow W. M. S. .. 20 00	20 Bro. T. P. 25 00
20 Widow J. M. E. .. 10 00	20 Widow W. B. 20 00
20 Widow R. A. P. .. 15 00	20 Widow R. E. 15 00
20 Orphans C. A. E. C., 3 youngest .. 15 00	20 Mrs. W. 75 00
20 Bro. W. McK. .. 25 00	20 Miss W. 75 00
20 Bro. J. C. 25 00	20 Miss H. 18 75
20 Bro. S. D. 50 00	20 Mrs. H. 75 00
20 Widow B. C. 40 00	April.
20 Widow P. C. 25 00	11 Bro. R. G. 50 00
20 Widow L. M. L. .. 15 00	11 Mrs. D. L. 25 00
20 W. M. C., Lodge 401, Deseronto, for Widow J. C. .. 20 00	11 Bro. C. R. 40 00
20 Widow A. C. 20 00	11 Bro. W. J. M. .. 50 00
	11 Bro. H. G. B. .. 50 00
	11 Widow F. C. and Sec. Waterdown Lodge, 357 50 00
	<hr/> \$22,110 00

E. T. MALONE,
Grand Treasurer.

It was moved by R. W. Bro. A. T. Freed, seconded by M. W. Bro. Benj. Allen, and

Resolved, That the reports of the Grand Secretary and Grand Treasurer be received and referred to the Board of General Purposes.

CALLED OFF.

The Grand Lodge was called from labor to refreshment, to meet again at 2.30 o'clock p. m.

The Grand Lodge resumed labor at 3 o'clock p. m.

REPORTS OF THE DISTRICT DEPUTY GRAND MASTERS.

It was moved by R. W. Bro. A. T. Freed, seconded by M. W. Bro. Hugh Murray, and

Resolved, That the reports of the various District Deputy Grand Masters be received, considered as read, and referred to the Board of General Purposes.

ERIE DISTRICT NO. 1.

To the Most Worshipful the Grand Master, Officers and Members of the Grand Lodge, A. F. & A. M. of Canada, in the Province of Ontario.

MOST WORSHIPFUL SIR AND BRETHREN :

I have the honor of presenting herewith the annual report on the condition of Masonry in this district.

The utmost enthusiasm prevails throughout the whole district, and the tenets and principles of Freemasonry are appreciated and exemplified by individual members to a very great extent, not only within the lodges but in their daily intercourse with the world.

The class of work performed by the W. M's and officers of lodges in this district is of a very high order, which is the result of persistent and systematic labor on the part of my predecessors in office and ambition to excel on the part of present officers of lodges.

The financial affairs of the various lodges are also in a most satisfactory condition, Secretaries being thoroughly alive to the importance of keeping arrearages of dues down to the lowest possible limit.

I regret to report that the Semi-Centennial Fund is not receiving the attention it should, which appears to be the result of lack of interest or want of thought on the part of members of many lodges. In my opinion the only remedy for this state of affairs is for each lodge to appoint a good live member to take a subscription list and make a personal canvas, which I am satisfied would very speedily bring about the desired result.

September 28, 1905—W. B.
Hammond Lodge, No. 327, W
September 30, 1905—Bro.
Lodge, No. 282, Glencoe.

December 17, 1905—Bro. W
ern Lodge, No. 47, Windsor.

February 13, 1906—Bro. D.
No. 282, Glencoe.

February 22, 1906—Bro. A.
Lodge, No. 47, Windsor.

May 21, 1906—Bro. W. H. H
No. 267, Chatham.

OFFICIAL VIS

Before starting out on my rou
pointed W. Bro. Laurie, Distric
dered me much valued service
many trips.

September 14, 1905, Sydenhan
den. W. M. and officers initia
ceedingly well done, personal in
officer clearly manifested. Atte

October 12, 1905, Xenophon
ley. Owing to unavoidable abse
was occupied by a P. M., who c
regular candidate. Work up to
spect. Good attendance.

November 7, 1905, ---

December 5, 1905, Century Lodge, No. 457, Merlin. The youngest lodge in the district, but right up to the standard in class of work. First degree on regular candidate exemplified in a very creditable manner. Officers and members thoroughly alive to their opportunities. Good attendance.

December 6, 1905, Central Lodge, No. 402, Essex. Third degree conferred on regular candidate absolutely correct in every detail. Proper interest manifested by many questions propounded by the brethren, bringing out some excellent points for ruling. Attendance good.

December 7, 1905, Lorne Lodge, No. 282, Glencoe. First degree exemplified on regular candidate, work practically perfect. W. M. thoroughly posted; Wardens, Deacons and other officers right up to the standard in every respect.

December 8, 1905, Parvaim Lodge, No. 395, Comber. First degree conferred on regular candidate. Officers capable of presenting first-class work after systematic practice. All members interested and enthusiastic. Attendance fair.

December 11, 1905, Kent Lodge, No. 274, Blenheim. First degree exemplified, W. M. and his officers working with great precision and accurate wording. Their beautiful lodge is a monument to their progressiveness.

December 20, 1905, Parthenon Lodge, No. 267, Chatham. First degree exemplified by a staff of officers who rank amongst the best in the district; work exceedingly well done. Lodge growing rapidly and will give a good account of themselves.

January 2, 1906, McColl Lodge, No. 386, West Lorne. First degree conferred on regular candidate in practically a faultless manner by newly installed officer, of which the W. M. only had previously held any office in the lodge. Had the pleasure of presenting R. W. Bro. D. F. Webster with P. L. D. G. M. regalia provided by the district: also had the pleasure of witnessing third degree exemplified by R. W. Bro. Wm. Milner, one of the bright lights of Masonry in this district.

February 5, 1906, Pnyx Lodge, No. 312, Wallaceburg. Second degree exemplified in very creditable manner by newly installed officers, each of whom appeared determined to excel in his own particular work. A systematic practice will make these officers second to none in the district.

February 7, 1906, Rodney Lodge, No. 411, Rodney. First degree exemplified by Past Master, which was exceedingly well done. The W. M. opened and closed the third degree. Careful practice, with a little more vim in the officers, will bring this lodge quite up to the standard.

February 9, 1906, Highgate Lodge, No. 336, Highgate. First degree exemplified by W. M. and officers, which came up to the standard in every respect, thereby contributing their quota to the reputation enjoyed by this district.

March 6, 1906, Tecumseh Lodge, No. 245, Thamesville. First degree conferred on regular candidate by W. M. and officers in a very impressive manner, also third degree by P. M. Robt. Pye in his usual excellent style. Good set of officers and thoroughly alive to their duties.

March 8, 1906, St. George Lodge, No. 41, Kingsville. Attendance small, owing to bad state of roads. No candidate. W. M. opened and closed in the several degrees. Junior Warden gave his lecture in the first degree in an excellent manner. With thorough practice this lodge will give a good account of themselves.

April 2, 1906, Wellington Lodge, No. 46, Chatham. My mother lodge. No regular work available. W. M. opened and closed in the three degrees in a very creditable manner. Officers require a little more practice to place them in the front ranks. Quite capable of putting on first-class work.

April 3, 1906, Naphtali Lodge, No. 413, Tilbury. Third degree exemplified on regular candidate by W. M. and officers in a very impressive manner; opening and closing well done. This lodge is doing its share to keep up the reputation of the district for doing good work.

April 5, 1906, Great Western Lodge, No. 47, Windsor. Very large attendance, including brethren from Detroit and Amherstburg. Third degree worked in an absolutely faultless manner. Officers and members exhibited great interest and fine attention to details.

April 6, 1906, Windsor Lodge, No. 403, Windsor. First degree exemplified on regular candidate in a very dignified and impressive manner. Attendance good. Great enthusiasm and interest displayed. These sister lodges are bright stars in this district.

April 9, 1906, Howard Lodge, No. 391, Ridgetown.

Third degree exemplified in a very efficient manner by principal officers. A systematic practice and drill on the part of some of the minor officers would place this lodge on an equality with the best in the district.

May 3, 1906, Florence Lodge, No. 390, Florence. Was accompanied by a number of brethren from Thamesville. Third degree conferred on regular candidate with dignity and attention to detail. This lodge has recovered from their fire loss and are doing good work, growing rapidly and prosperous.

May 8, 1906, Thistle Lodge, No. 34, Amherstburg, oldest lodge in the district. Was accompanied by a number of brethren from Windsor. First degree exemplified in a manner which proved the officers to be thoroughly interested and alive to their duties. Good attendance. Owing to business affairs meeting was somewhat curtailed to enable me to catch midnight train at Windsor for home. However, I witnessed enough of the work to convince me that the work of this lodge is quite up to the standard.

June 5, 1906, Leamington Lodge, No. 290, Leamington. Third degree conferred in practically a faultless manner, which must have impressed the candidate to a very great extent with the beauty of this degree. Attendance good.

June 6, 1906, Star of the East Lodge, No. 422, Bothwell. Third degree conferred on regular candidate in a most creditable manner, showing that the officers are thoroughly interested and pay attention to detail. Attendance good, considering the excessively warm state of the weather.

In conclusion I desire to express my appreciation of the honor conferred upon me and the confidence expressed in my election to this the highest office in the district, also gratitude for the many acts of kindness and brotherly love extended by every lodge in the jurisdiction, not only as a representative of the Grand Lodge but also as a private citizen.

All of which is fraternally submitted.

GEO. B. CRUMB, D. D. G. M.,
Erie District No. 1.

GRAND LODGE OF CANADA

GRAND LODGE OF A. F. & A. M. OF CANADA IN THE PROVINCE OF ONTARIO.

Table Showing the work done in Erie District, No. 1, from June 21th, 1903, to June 21th, 1904

NAME OF LODGE.	LOCATION.	Total No. of all Mem.	Increase during year.	Mem- bership	Degree's Confr'd			Affiliations.	Resignations.	Suspensions, N P D.	Suspensions, other causes.	Deceased.	Regular.	Emergency.	Total.	Average attendance of members	Amount paid for relief.	No. of members 12 months in arrears.	Total of all arrearages.	Date of last G. L. Return.	Financial Standing.	Prospects of Lodge.	Can W. M. work all degrees.	Insurance.
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Thistle.	Amherstburg ..	75	...	2	4	4	\$ 103 45	Dec. 27, '05	Good	Good	Yes	\$ 500 00
St. George	Kingsville	94	...	2	4	4	60 00	Dec. 27, '05	Fair	Good	Yes	100 00
Wellington	Chatham.....	173	4	3	6	5	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	328 00	Jan. 27, '06	Good	Good	No	2 40 00
Gt. Westm	Windsor.....	974	7	23	23	23	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	400 00	Dec. 27, '05	Good	Good	Yes	300 00
Recum sh	Thamesville ...	58	...	4	6	5	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	27 42	Dec. 27, '05	Good	Good	No	300 00
Sydenham	Dresden	76	4	13	10	7	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	14 75	Dec. 1905	Good	Good	Yes	400 00
Parth mon	Bathurst	125	6	8	8	3	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	397 00	Dec. 27, '05	Good	-plendid	Yes	400 00
Kent	Bethel	85	8	5	3	1	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	52 50	Dec. 27, '05	Good	Al	Yes	600 00
Lorne	Gloucester....	84	8	5	3	1	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	Dec. 27, '05	Sound	Al	Yes	suffic t
Le'mingt n	Leamington....	123	9	11	12	2	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	99 95	Dec. 27, '05	Fair	Good	Yes	1200 00
Puyx	Wallaceburg ..	123	5	4	4	2	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	Dec. 27, '05	Good	Fair	Yes	400 00
The Ham d	Wardsville	25	5	4	4	3	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	Good	Good	No	...
Hightgate	Hightgate	57	...	4	5	3	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	V'y Good	Good	Yes	200 00
McColl.	West Lorne.....	71	5	5	6	5	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	June 24, '05	Good	Good	Yes	200 00
Florence	Florence	26	4	4	4	4	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	Jan'y, 1906	Fair	Good	Yes	200 00
Howard.	Ridgetown ...	76	3	6	8	10	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	Jan. 17, '06	Good	Good	Yes	200 00
Parvins ..	Coupler	20	...	2	1	1	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	Dec. 27, '05	Fair	Good	Yes	200 00
Central....	Essex	55	...	1	1	4	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	Dec. 27, '05	Good	Good	Yes	200 00
Windsor ..	Windsor	200	15	19	16	13	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	Dec. 27, '05	Good	Good	Yes	200 00
Rodney ..	Rodney	24	3	5	6	4	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	Dec. 27, '05	Fair	Fair	No	200 00
Naphtali	Tisbury	21	6	7	7	7	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	Dec. 27, '05	Good	Good	Yes	200 00
Star of East	Bothwell	50	7	6	7	6	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	Dec. 27, '05	Good	Good	Yes	200 00
Xenophon	Whitely	22	3	3	3	3	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	June 24, '06	Good	Good	Yes	200 00
Century .	Marlin	22	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	June 24, '06	Fair	Fair	Yes	200 00

ST. CLAIR DISTRICT, NO. 2.

To the Most Worshipful the Grand Master, Officers and Members of the Grand Lodge, A. F. & A. M., of Canada, in the Province of Ontario:

MOST WORSHIPFUL SIR AND BRETHREN:

It affords me great pleasure to present my report on the condition and progress of Masonry in the St. Clair District No. 2 for the past year.

I wish particularly to mention the kindly, courteous and brotherly way in which I have been used by the members of the several lodges in the district, and I wish to thank them, one and all, for their hospitality and kindness to me.

Masonry is in a flourishing condition in the district.

There are twenty lodges in the district, with a total membership of 1,541 members in good standing.

During the year there have been 130 initiations, 21 affiliations, 6 restorations, making a total for the year of 157. There have been 13 deaths, 26 resignations, 18 suspensions N. P. D., 1 suspension other causes, leaving a net gain for the year of 99.

A Lodge of Instruction was held at Thedford, under the auspices of Cassia Lodge, No. 116, on Good Friday, April 13. In the afternoon the Entered Apprentice degree was exemplified by W. Bro. John Morrison and the officers of Cassia Lodge, also the Fellowcraft degree by W. Bro. Colin S. Cameron and officers of Tuscan Lodge, No. 437, of Sarnia. In the evening R. W. Bro. D. F. McWatt, on behalf of the district, presented R. W. Bros. W. S. Calvert and S. W. Trussler with P. D. D. G. M. regalia, in recognition of their services. The third or M. M. degree was exemplified by W. Bro. Thoman and officers of Arkona Lodge, No. 307, in an excellent manner. There was upward of one hundred and seventy-five brethren present, and many points were brought forward by the brethren for discussion. There were five P. D. D. G. M's present. I have pointed out to the brethren the desirability of owning their own Masonic homes, and am

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on February 8, accompanied by R. W. Bro. Alex. Saunders. W. Bro. W. B. Jones and his officers conferred the second degree in faultless manner. There was a good attendance of brethren. Burns Lodge is to be congratulated on their lodge room, which they own. The brethren missed the familiar face of our late R. W. Bro. Dr. Harvey, whose loss they deplore.

Alexander Lodge, No. 158, Oil Springs: I visited this lodge on February 16. There was a fair attendance. W. Bro. Burns conferred the second degree fairly well. I found this lodge in a prosperous condition. Dues well paid up, and I am happy to say they own their own lodge room, and are spending an additional one thousand dollars this year in beautifying and adorning same.

Petrolia Lodge, No. 194, Petrolia: I visited this lodge on March 14, accompanied by a number of Sarnia brethren. The W. M., W. Bro. Corey, was unavoidably absent, so I. P. M. W. Bro. Chas. Reid conferred the M. M. degree in a faultless manner. The books and finances were found in good shape. The evening I was there eight applications were received, which shows that the brethren of Petrolia Lodge are progressing.

Havelock Lodge, No. 238, Watford: I visited this lodge on January 9, accompanied by R. W. Bro. Alex. Saunders and twelve Sarnia brethren. W. Bro. Kenward and officers conferred the M. M. degree. I impressed on the officers of Havelock lodge the need of a little practice. I found the books and finances in good condition.

Washington Lodge, No. 260, Petrolia: This was my first visit, and although the officers had only been installed one week, they conferred the first degree in an excellent manner, showing that the Installing Board must be doing their duty in seeing that the officers are proficient in their work. I was accompanied by R. W. Bro. Alex. Saunders and twelve other Masters and Past Masters from Sarnia, and were entertained royally by W. Bro. Barrington and officers.

Forest Lodge, No. 263, Forest: I visited this lodge on May 2, when W. Bro. Jas. Brand and officers conferred the M. M. degree in an excellent manner. There was a large attendance of brethren. Forest Lodge is prospering, and I found the books in good shape and dues well paid up.

Moore Lodge, No. 294, Courtright: I visited this lodge on March 8. There was a good attendance of brethren. W. Bro. Lee conferred the first degree on a candidate fairly well, and opened and closed in the three. The prospects of Moore Lodge are brighter than they have been for some time, and their books and finances are in good shape.

Arkona Lodge, No. 307, Arkona: I visited this lodge on April 5. W. Bro. Crawford and officers conferred the first degree on a candidate in an excellent manner and opened and closed in the three degrees. Arkona Lodge is in a prosperous condition and the prospects are good. Books in good shape and dues fairly well paid up.

Alvinston Lodge, No. 327, Alvinston: I visited this lodge on January 10. W. Bro. McDermaid and officers conferred the first degree in a faultless manner. This lodge have their work up perfectly and have a beautifully furnished home. I found the books in good shape and the dues fairly well paid up. Prospects of lodge of the best.

Ionic Lodge, No. 328, Napier: I visited this lodge on January 5, 1906, accompanied by R. W. Bro. Alex. Saunders. W. Bro. Richardson and officers conferred the second degree in a most satisfactory manner. Although Ionic Lodge has only been reinstated for two years, the future looks bright, although quite a few members are in arrears, whom I advised the lodge to suspend.

Dufferin Lodge, No. 364, Melbourne: I visited this lodge on February 7. W. Bro. J. M. Campbell conferred the M. M. degree in a first-class manner, fairly supported by his officers. Dufferin lodge is doing better under the enthusiastic management of W. Bro. Campbell. They own their lodge room and prospects look bright for the future. Dues fairly paid up.

Huron Lodge, No. 392, Camlachie: I visited this lodge on April 4. There was a good attendance of visitors and brethren. W. Bro. Cochran exemplified the M. M. degree in a faultless manner. Huron is making a good steady progress, and prospects are bright for the future. They own their lodge room and dues are fairly well paid up.

Leopold Lodge, No. 397, Brigden: I visited this lodge on March 7. A very large attendance greeted me on this occasion. W. Bro. W. J. Neil and officers conferred

the first degree in a fairly good manner. The J. W.'s lecture on this occasion was given by one of the oldest members of the lodge, Bro. Booth, and given in a most excellent manner. Leopold Lodge was mourning the death of their beloved Secretary, W. Bro. Leacock, who was a life-long zealous Mason. I found the lodge books in good shape and dues well paid up.

Bismarck Lodge, No. 419, Pt. Edward: I visited this lodge on February 12, accompanied by about 30 of the Sarnia brethren. There were about forty of our American brethren from Port Huron and Fort Gratiot lodges in attendance. W. Bro. John Mitchell conferred the second degree in an excellent manner. Bismarck Lodge is in a good condition both as to work and financially. I found the books in excellent condition, and pointed out to them the desirability of having their own lodge room.

St. Clair Lodge, No. 425, Sombra: I visited this lodge on March 6. W. Bro. W. W. Stover and officers conferred the first degree in a faultless manner. They are a fine lot of fellows at Sombra, and I found the books and finances in good shape. They had just recently buried the W. M.'s father, an old and highly esteemed Mason, whose loss they deeply deplore. They own their own lodge room.

Tuscan Lodge, No. 437, Sarnia: I visited this lodge on March 21. This being my mother lodge the visit was of more than ordinary interest. The W. M., W. Bro. Colin S. Cameron, conferred the first degree on his son, Stuart Cameron, which, to me, was unique, as conferred by the presiding Master on his son. This lodge has an excellent staff of officers, and has grown from the youngest lodge to the second largest in the district. The finances are in good shape and the dues fairly paid up.

In conclusion I would again thank the brethren of No. 2 District for their uniform kindness and brotherly greeting extended to me during my term of office, which I shall long remember.

All of which is fraternally submitted.

S. E. CORNELL, D. D. G. M.,
St. Clair District No. 2.

LONDON DISTRICT NO. 3.

To the Most Worshipful the Grand Master, Officers and Members of the Grand Lodge, A. F. & A. M. of Canada, in the Province of Ontario:

MOST WORSHIPFUL SIR AND BRETHREN:

I take great pleasure in submitting for your consideration my report on the condition of Masonry in London District No. 3 during my term of office, which expires on July 18, 1906.

When first my election by the brethren of this district had been declared I at once realized how great was the responsibility and also my inability to govern the district as is necessary for any one who has been so highly honored by his brethren and for which honor I now take this opportunity of thanking all who assisted me to this position, and whilst the pathway appeared at first rough and rugged was not as I expected, but was decidedly smooth and easy to travel, for the D. D. G. M's of this district in the past had so thoroughly performed their duties that my task was by no means an arduous one but was merely a season of pleasure to perform the duties devolving upon the position. I must also thank the many brethren who accompanied me and lent such valuable assistance when I was visiting the different lodges officially. I am pleased to state that not one of these visits had to be taken alone, and from Entered Apprentices to P. D. D. G. M's could be seen with me at all times and who lent me their counsel and assistance without measure.

London district is considered one of the largest in the jurisdiction of Grand Lodge, being composed of 26 lodges and 3,564 members. There were initiated in the district during the year 184 new members, affiliations 18, restorations 18. After deducting 24 deaths, 31 resignations and 38 suspensions we have a net gain of 127 for the year.

During the year the peace and harmony of the District was not interfered with to any great extent, and the slight differences which sometimes may arise among our

rolled among the subscribers Fund, and am pleased to state and brethren who have done no been recorded as assisting one peals for Masonic relief record masonry and are to-day themselves that others do their duty also a nial Fund will 'ere long be a gl

During the year I have received the Grand Secretary conveying rulings since the beginning of 1 communicated either verbally, by circular to all lodges in the d ing to bring such rulings into in

The dispensations asked for w divine services and Masonic "at sonic regalia, but owing to cha unable to grant them, but on ap retary the lodges requiring such sired documents.

Taking the advice of member also the Board of General Pu come when lengthy reports wer deavor to condense these report the following manner. I have least once, many of them twice, four times, not that it was abso any a second time, but merely 1

had been honored by being admitted members of the Craft whose aims are brotherly love, relief and truth.

While the above may appear bright and flattering there is yet a dark side with reference to some of the rural lodges; first, not being punctual as to opening lodge at time stated on notices, one lodge in particular the W. M. not arriving until 9.30 p. m., when the notices stated 8 o'clock. I was informed on this occasion that this was a common occurrence. I strongly recommended the advisability of being more punctual and thereby endeavor to retain the older members and also gain the good will of our families who are opposed to the wee sma' hours. And again, the ambition of junior officers in aiming to the position of W. M. at the sacrifice of some of the senior brethren; oftentimes I am told that it is a complete canvas of members, and when a junior is promoted at the expense of a senior it is bound to work harm in the lodge, and in many cases the cause of not a few dimits being asked for by brethren who have been the backbone and stay for many years past. I advised aspirants or officers to be patient and promotion would come through merit and would be more thoroughly appreciated by those so advanced and be a means of retaining that friendship and brotherly love which is essentially necessary for the prosperity of any lodge and the good of Masonry in general.

Also I regret very much the loss of so many of our members who have been cut off from amongst us by that all-devouring sythe of time, and as I have not been made acquainted with the several names of those brethren will not attempt to make special mention of them but will refer to only two of them, viz., R. W. Bro. John Boyd, P. D. D. G. M., of Belmont Lodge, No. 190, who died very suddenly last November, being stricken down with heart failure. Bro. Boyd was one of our most enthusiastic members in the lodge, one of the best read Masonic historians in our district, and as kind hearted and true a friend as we are liable to meet in our travels through life, and a thorough gentleman and business man, being a miller by occupation, and it was when leaving his mill for the night and making his way to his home that he was overtaken and cut off from our midst. Through his demise our district, and Belmont Lodge in particular, loses one of its pillars and will be much missed. The other

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to be good men and true and
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Master forever lives and reigns

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GRAND LODGE OF A. F. & A. M. OF CANADA IN THE PROVINCE OF ONTARIO.
Table Showing the work done in London District, No. 3, from June 24th, 1903, to June 24th, 1904.

Table Showing the work done in London District, No. 2, from June 24th, 1903, to June 24th, 1903.

Number of Lodge.	NAME OF LODGE.	LOCATION.	MEMBERSHIP.		DEGREE'S CONF'D.		AFFILIATIONS.	RESTORATIONS.	REINTEGRATIONS.	SUSPENSIONS.	SUSPENSIONS, N. P. D.	DECEASED.	MEETINGS HELD.			AVERAGE ATTENDANCE OF MEMBERS.	AMOUNT PAID FOR RELIEF.	NO. OF MEMBERS 18 MONTHS IN ARREARS.	TOTAL OF ALL ARREARS.	DATE OF LAST G. L. RETURN.	FINANCIAL STANDING.	PROSPECTS OF LODGE.	CASH W. M. WORK ALL DEGREES.	INSURANCES.
			INCREASE DURING YEAR.	DECREASE DURING YEAR.	E. A.	M. M.							REGULAR.	EMERGENCY.	TOTAL.									
30	St. John's.	London.	127	14	0	16	13	1	1	0	0	0	313	13	25	40	40	250	Dec. 31.	Ex. Good	Good	Yes	£300 00	
43	St. George's	London.	123	11	3	9	9	5	1	0	0	0	112	1	13	25	40	40	250	Dec. 31.	Ex. Good	Good	Yes	Jointly
44	St. Thomas	St. Thomas.	134	10	9	15	10	3	1	0	0	0	314	5	19	46	39	919	Dec. 31.	Ex. Extra	Good	Yes	Jointly	
64	Kilwinning	London.	211	23	0	20	15	10	2	0	0	0	312	6	18	45	128	270	Dec. 31.	Good	Good	Yes	Jointly	
94	St. Mark's.	Port Stanley.	57	11	0	11	10	7	0	0	0	0	0	12	2	14	16	58	Dec. 31.	Good	Good	Yes	Jointly	
67	St. Paul's.	Lambeth.	56	3	6	3	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	12	2	14	16	58	Dec. 31.	Good	Good	Yes	Jointly	
90	Warren	Fingal.	54	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	12	2	14	16	58	Dec. 31.	Good	Good	Yes	Jointly	
40	Malinda	Ayr.	108	6	4	6	6	5	1	0	0	0	310	4	14	30	45	47	June 30.	Good	Good	Yes	Jointly	
71	P. of Wales	Lawrence Stn.	43	1	1	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	11	1	12	12	18	18	June 30.	Excellent	Good	Yes	Jointly	
90	Belmont.	Belmont.	51	6	1	6	7	8	1	0	0	0	113	3	15	25	10	90	Dec. 31.	Good	Good	Yes	Jointly	
85	The Tusc'n	London.	76	3	1	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	10	0	10	15	16	135	June 24.	Good	Good	Yes	Jointly	
93	St. John's.	London.	201	23	0	20	15	10	2	0	0	0	310	6	18	45	128	270	Dec. 31.	Good	Good	Yes	Jointly	
32	Chaucer	Dutton.	68	6	1	6	6	5	1	0	0	0	113	1	14	18	19	67	Dec. 31.	Good	Good	Yes	Jointly	
288	Doric.	Lebo.	37	0	6	1	1	9	0	0	0	0	111	1	12	11	19	67	Dec. 31.	Good	Good	Yes	Jointly	
300	Mt Olivet	Thurndale.	46	10	2	9	9	0	1	2	0	0	113	3	15	25	10	90	June 24.	Good	Good	Yes	Jointly	
300	St David's	St. Thomas.	207	13	0	13	12	1	2	1	0	0	113	3	15	25	10	90	Dec. 31.	Good	Good	Yes	Jointly	
330	Corinthian	London.	135	6	1	6	6	4	0	0	0	0	113	3	15	25	10	90	Dec. 31.	Good	Good	Yes	Jointly	
444	Merrill.	Dorchester Stn.	37	4	3	4	2	2	0	0	0	0	113	3	15	14	4	4	4	June 24.	Good	Good	Yes	Jointly
443	Nilestown	Nilestown.	36	9	0	9	0	1	0	0	0	0	113	1	14	14	14	10	10	June 24.	Good	Good	Yes	Jointly
338	Del. Valley	Delaware	39	4	2	2	1	1	0	0	0	0	111	1	13	10	14	74	Dec. 31.	Good	Good	Yes	Jointly	
718	King Bol'm	London	110	11	1	11	10	6	0	0	0	0	112	3	14	40	50	50	June 24.	Good	Good	Yes	Jointly	
373	Middlesex	Hyamston	34	3	2	3	2	3	0	0	0	0	102	0	13	13	30	40	40	Dec. 31.	Good	Good	Yes	Jointly
380	Union	Leid'r	177	4	0	11	7	7	0	0	0	0	213	1	14	23	61	194	Dec. 31.	Good	Good	Yes	Jointly	
396	Henderson	Widerton.	26	2	3	2	2	1	0	0	0	0	119	4	16	18	10	50	June 23.	Good	Better	Yes	Jointly	
394	King Bol'm	Thorneford	75	6	3	6	6	6	1	0	0	0	119	4	16	18	10	100	June 23.	Good	Good	Yes	Jointly	
393	Moffat.	Harrietaville.	96	3	0	3	0	0	1	0	0	0	110	3	19	8	4	31	June 25.	Good	Good	Yes	Jointly	

MOST WORSHIPFUL SIR AND

It affords me much pleasure in consideration my report on the condition of Masonry in South Huron District.

Without underestimating the importance of detail, I shall endeavor to discuss the district in a short, concise and interesting manner, which though it may be profitably omitted herefrom, is of great importance to the Craft in general. I am very circumstantial or detailed in my comments on the condition of Masonry at the close of the Masonic year now drawing to a close. I had the honor to superintend the district of brethren in South Huron. In the sake of brevity, to appear before you for the many kindnesses shown to me by the brethren in every part of the district, all the courtesies afforded me, the hearty hospitality and entertainment I have been the undeserving recipient of, my dying gratitude, which any poem or monument in the cold print and type would fall immeasurably short of expressing.

The condition of Masonry in the district is better. Peace, prosperity and abundance throughout the district, and able and active

dented, enthusiasm for the Order abounds in all parts of the district, and with the one exception I have nothing but praise and congratulations for the brethren of South Huron District. I regret to have to report of some of the lodges of my district that though three years have elapsed since they were asked for the small contribution of \$3.00 per member towards the Semi-Centennial Benevolent Fund, for the needy and destitute of our brethren, they still remain in arrears, some contributing little or nothing, some \$1.00 per member in the three years, about two cents per member per month, and one lodge the one eight-hundredth part of a cent per month per member. Tudor Lodge, of Mitchell, No. 141; Tecumseh Lodge, of Stratford, No. 144; Stratford Lodge, of Stratford, No. 332, and Lebanon Forest Lodge, of Exeter, No. 133, have placed themselves on the honor roll, each one of these lodges having subscribed the full amount required of them. It is but fair to say that some of the members of other lodges have contributed their full individual share, and I would have been pleased, did space permit, to record in this report the names of these faithful and generous brethren. I pointed out to the brethren throughout the district the great and pressing need of the money for the relief of our sick, distressed and destitute brethren, and that one cent per member per day for one year would more than discharge this appeal for help on their behalf. The indifference and neglect with which this benevolent project of Grand Lodge has been treated by many of our brethren has brought discredit upon the Craft generally, and would make it appear that our vows of charity are but vain professions and empty cant. Every Mason who can afford to contribute the small sum asked for the relief of the distressed brother should consider it not only a sacred duty but an especial privilege to have done his part in contributing to and completing this benevolent project, which will live long after he has ceased to be, for by the permanency of the fund it will speak for him when his voice is forever silent and will continue to distribute charity for him when his hand is powerless to help his fellow creatures in the hour of their affliction. It is with the greatest regret that I find it necessary to complain of this apparent indifference and neglect on the part of some of my brethren of this district, for it is the only regret

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reverence for their departed Master the lodge was closed after resolutions of condolence and sympathy had been passed. In the death of W. Bro. Perry this district has lost a diligent and faithful Mason, and his community an upright and honorable man.

VISITS.

I visited each lodge in the district once officially, and had the privilege of witnessing the work of some of the lodges on two or three other occasions, and my tour of inspection so well satisfied me of the general proficiency of the principal and assistant officers throughout the district that I concluded to dispense with the holding of a lodge of instruction. I might write pages in relating the pleasant incidents and occurrences of my various visits and make up long lists of officers in several of the lodges who are deserving of recognition and commendation for the excellency of their work, but as I have before stated these matters are more of local and personal interest than of general interest to your Grand Body assembled for the transaction of Grand Lodge business. It should satisfy my brethren that these pleasant incidents are not forgotten, and that the officers who deserve recognition are known and recognized and their good work appreciated in every part of the district.

FORMATION OF NEW LODGE.

On the 7th of March I had the honor, by direction of the Grand Master, of instituting a new lodge at Milverton, in the County of Perth, to be known as Milverton Lodge. I was assisted in the ceremony of forming this new and promising lodge by W. Bros. Irwin and Tilly, of Stratford, W. Bro. Chalmers, of Monkton, and by brethren from Listowel lodge and from other lodges in the vicinity. Some forty brethren in all were present at this inaugural meeting. After the usual ceremony had been performed, the various officers were placed in their respective positions, and at my request opened the lodge in the second and third degrees and closed in the three degrees, and did so in a manner so creditable that their work elicited the highest praise from the visiting brethren. With such a presiding officer as W. Bro. W. G. Livingstone, and such officers to assist him as Bro. Ralph Lederman, his Senior Warden, and Bro. Thomas Hutchinson, his Junior Warden, Milverton lodge will

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GRAND LODGE OF A. F. & A. M. OF CANADA IN THE PROVINCE OF ONTARIO.

Table Showing the work done in South Huron District, No. 4, from June 24th, 1906, to June 24th, 1907.

No. of Lodge.	NAME OF LODGE.	LOCATION.	Total No. of all Mem.	Increased during year.	Decreased during year.	Mem-ber-ship	Degree's Conf'd	Affiliations.	Restorations.	Resignations.	Suspensions, N. P. D.	Suspensions, other causes.	Deceased.	Regular.	Emergency.	Total	Average attendance of members.	Amount paid for relief.	No. of members 12 months in arrears.	Total of all Arrearages.	Date of last G. L. Return.	Financial Standing.	Prospects of Lodge.	Can W. M. work all degrees	Insurance.
33	Maitland	Goderich	127	10	3	9	10	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	\$ 106 25	Dec. 27, '05	Good	Excellent	Yes	\$1200 00
73	St. James	St. Mary's	61	1	1	9	8	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	63 00	June 24, '05	Good	Unhealthy	Yes	500 00
84	Clinton	Clinton	65	7	12	5	5	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	12 00	June 24, '05	Good	Good	Yes	400 00
133	Lebanon Ft.	Exeter	64	3	...	6	5	3	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	12 00	Dec. 27, '05	Good	Bright	Yes	450 00
141	Tutor	Mitchell	64	8	8	5	6	7	3	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	123 75	Jan'y 9, '06	Good	Bright	Yes	800 00
144	Tecumseh	Stratford	146	...	...	13	17	13	4	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	357 39	Dec. 27, '05	Good	Excellent	Yes	1500 00
154	Ivring	Lucan	74	3	1	2	2	4	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	42 00	Dec. 27, '05	Fair	Good	Yes	200 00
170	Hritannia	Seaforth	57	5	...	3	3	3	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	25 00	Dec. 31, '05	Fair	Fair	Yes	200 00
205	New Dom.	New Hamburg.	36	1	...	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	14 00	Dec. 27, '05	Fair	Fair	Yes	200 00
224	Zurich	Hensall	74	4	2	4	5	3	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	15 00	Jan'y 4, '06	Good	Good	Yes	200 00
253	Doric	Park Hill	53	6	5	3	3	3	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	66 50	Dec. 27, '05	Fair	Improving	Yes	300 00
303	Niyth	Blyth	53	4	4	4	4	3	2	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	...	June 24, '05	Good	Good	Yes	400 00
309	Mcrg'star	Smith's Hill	61	...	3	1	1	2	2	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	27 00	Dec. 27, '05	V'y Good	V'y Good	Yes	1070 00
318	Willmot	Baden	27	2	1	2	2	2	2	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	100 00	June 24, '05	Good	Fair	Yes	400 00
329	Stratford	Stratford	177	9	...	11	11	8	2	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	198 50	June 24, '05	Good	Good	Yes	1500 00
454	Elms	Monkton	37	4	...	5	5	5	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	...	Dec. 27, '05	Good	Good	No	150 00
U. P.	Milverton.	Milverton	18	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	Dec. 27, '03	Good	Good	...	...

*To the Most Worshipful the
Members of the Grand
of Canada, in the Province*

MOST WORSHIPFUL SIR AND

I have the honor to submit
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W. Bro. John Megraw, Aldworth Lodge, No. 235, died March 12, 1906, and on March 14 received a Masonic funeral, the services being conducted by Rev. Bro. O'Neill in a very impressive manner. Bro. Megraw was a charter member of Aldworth Lodge, and one of the oldest and most respected pioneers of this district, and besides the large number of Masons present there was also a great number of citizens in attendance to pay the last sad tribute of respect to the memory of the deceased. The impressiveness of the service was such as to lead one of the citizens considerably beyond the half century to apply for admission into the mysteries of Masonry.

My first official visit in the district was made to Moravian Lodge, No. 431, Edengrove, 13th October, 1905. The attendance of members was all that could be desired; there was also a large contingent of visitors present from Aldworth Lodge. Although this lodge is one of the youngest in the district it can safely be said, to its credit, that there are not many lodges in the district that excel it in the efficiency and uniformity of its work. As there was no regular candidate on hand a substitute was procured, and the first degree was exemplified in a very creditable manner. The charge by the W. M. and lecture by the J. W. was especially impressive. The books of the lodge are well kept. Peace and harmony prevail among its members. After the lodge was closed refreshments were served, and before parting the King and Craft were right royally honored.

Forest Lodge, No. 162, Wroxeter: My official visit to this lodge was made on November 6, 1905. My reception was most cordial, the attendance of members fairly good, and all present were enthusiastic Masons. The work of the evening was the conferring of the first degree, which was done in a very satisfactory manner, and should make a lasting impression on the candidate. W. Bro. Brown makes a very efficient Secretary; the books are well kept and the finances are in good condition. After the close of the lodge a banquet was held at the King Edward Hotel, which was thoroughly enjoyed, proving that the brethren of Forest Lodge are past masters in this art also.

Fordwich Lodge, No. 331, Fordwich: I paid my official visit to this lodge on November 7, 1905. The attendance of members was only fair. Owing to the recent

plified the first degree on a creditable manner. The shape, the dues are well paid comfortable.

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Maple Leaf Lodge, No. 36: lodge December 11, 1905, on officers. The attendance of election was conducted with a Board of Installed Masters no further work the lodge was second and third degrees. equipped and comfortable. makes a very efficient Secretary and finances in good order. an enjoyable banquet at the evening's work

the brightest. After the lodge was closed the brethren adjourned to the Herman House, where a very sumptuous supper was served and a pleasant and profitable hour was spent.

Cedar Lodge, No. 396, Warton: My official visit was made to this lodge on December 13, 1905. The reception given me was most cordial. The attendance of members was large, including among the number R. W. Bros. Ferguson and Walmsley, besides several Past Masters. This lodge has a corps of enthusiastic officers, who conferred the first degree in a manner highly creditable to themselves and to the lodge. The lodge room is one of the largest and best furnished in the district, having attached to it a large banqueting hall and kitchen. After closing of the lodge the brethren assembled in the banqueting hall, where the fourth degree was exemplified and enjoyed with great enthusiasm. The prospects of the lodge are bright and promising.

Aldworth Lodge, No. 235, Paisley: As a member of this lodge I am a fairly regular attendant and am well informed as to the efficiency of its officers. My official visit, however, was made January 5, 1906. The brethren received me with marked cordiality. The work for the evening was an initiation and a passing. The initiation was conducted by the W. M. and his officers in a creditable and workmanlike manner. The Junior Warden's lecture, as rendered by Bro. Grant, deserves special praise. The second degree was conferred on Bro. F. Ross in a very impressive manner by W. Bro. Sheppard. After the lodge was closed refreshments were served in an adjoining room.

Hanover Lodge, No. 432, Hanover: I had the pleasure of making my official visit to this lodge on January 24, 1906. Although this is one of the youngest lodges in the district, it is noted for the excellency of its work. The W. M., assisted by his officers, conferred the third degree on Bro. Bell in a very impressive manner. The lodge room is well furnished and comfortable. Bro. Rogel makes an efficient Secretary, looks well after the financial interests of the lodge. After closing refreshments were served in an adjoining room.

Forest Lodge, No. 393, Chesley: I visited this lodge on January 25, 1906, and received a most cordial greeting. There was a good attendance of members. The

W. M., assisted by W. Bros. Mickle and Smellie, conferred the third degree in a very satisfactory and impressive manner. The finances of the lodge are in good condition, property insured, and but few members in arrears. After closing the brethren adjourned to the Windsor Hotel, where the fourth degree was exemplified in ample form. The King and Craft being duly honored, the proceedings of the evening closed with the Junior Warden's toast.

Wingham Lodge, No. 286, Wingham: I visited this lodge officially on February 6, 1906, and received a right hearty and loyal welcome. There was a large attendance of members, besides several visiting brethren from Lucknow and Teeswater lodges. The work of the evening was conferring the second degree on Bros. Nicholson and Vannorman. Both candidates having passed a very creditable examination were passed to the second degree in a very impressive manner by the W. M. and his assistants. The lodge room is large and well furnished; finances in good condition. R. W. Bro. Morton makes an excellent secretary, and besides attending to the duties of his office renders valuable assistance to the W. M. and his Wardens. After the lodge was closed the brethren were served with a nice lunch in their banqueting hall.

Northern Light Lodge, No. 93, Kincardine: I had the pleasure of paying my official visit to this lodge on February 7, 1906, the night of installation of the W. M. and investiture of the officers for the ensuing Masonic year. There was a large number of members in attendance, besides a goodly number of visitors from Bruce Lodge, No. 341, Tiverton. This lodge is the oldest in the district and maintains the proud position of being one of the banner lodges in the district, contributing generously to the support of the charitable fund, and as for hospitality it stands unrivalled. The installation ceremony was in charge of V. W. Bro. Miller, assisted by R. W. Bro. McPherson and V. W. Bro. James McPherson. Each performed their allotted work with superior skill and fidelity, and all are deserving of the highest praise. The lodge room has been recently renovated at considerable expense, and compares favorably with any in the district. After closing the brethren assembled in the dining room, where a sumptuous banquet was provided and enjoyed.

Bruce Lodge, No. 341, Tiverton: I visited this lodge

on February 8, 1906, accompanied by R. W. Bro. McPherson, P. D. D. G. M., and several brethren of Northern Light Lodge, No. 93, Kincardine. We received a very cordial welcome. The attendance of members was good. The work of the evening was an initiation, which was conferred on the candidate by the W. M. and his officers in a very satisfactory manner. The lecture on the tracing board in this degree was given by V. W. Bro. Bruce, and the charge in the Constitution by R. W. Bro. McPherson. Both lecture and charge were delivered with such expression as to warrant the highest commendation. The lodge room has recently been renovated and is neat and bright and handsomely furnished. After closing an adjournment was made to the Mansion House and a most enjoyable time was spent at the festive board, the hospitality of the lodge being unbounded.

St. Lawrence Lodge, No. 131, Southampton: My official visit was made to this lodge on February 13, 1906. The members were assembled in full force, besides a few visitors were present. I was received with much cordiality and enthusiasm. The work of the evening was two initiations, which was performed by the W. M. and his officers with much credit. The brethren own the lodge room, it is large and well furnished, and have an insurance of \$1,800 on the building. The lodge has a very efficient staff of officers, and Masonry is making good progress under their administration. The prospects for the future are most promising. After closing of the lodge the brethren assembled in their dining hall, where all were served with a sumptuous supper, and an enjoyable hour was spent before the J. W.'s toast was honored.

Port Elgin Lodge, No. 429, Port Elgin: I visited this lodge on February 14, 1906. The attendance of members was fairly good, several visitors were also present. There was no regular work for the evening, but a substitute candidate was procured and the first degree was exemplified by the W. M., assisted by P. M. Bro. August Smith, in a very correct and satisfactory manner. The lodge room is well furnished and comfortable. The Secretary, W. Bro. G. W. Smith, is an efficient officer, and besides attending to the duties of his office renders valuable assistance to the W. M. and his Wardens. This lodge is making satisfactory progress and its future is promising.

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Saugeen Lodge, No. 197, Walkerton: I visited this lodge April 10, 1906, and had the pleasure of renewing acquaintance with several brethren whom I had known more or less intimately for a good many years. This being my mother lodge, I naturally felt a greater interest, if possible, in its welfare than in any other. There have been many changes in the work and personnel of the lodge since I was first admitted within its portals. I am pleased to be able to state that the progress in Masonic work has been as marked here as elsewhere, and the lodge is to be congratulated on its excellent staff of officers. The attendance of members was large, and included no less than eleven visitors. There was considerable business on hand, no less than six candidates seeking admission, all having passed the ballot successfully, two of whom received the first degree. The work was admirably done by the W. M. and his assistants. After closing the brethren were served with an excellent supper at the Central Hotel, and before adjoining the Junior Warden's toast was received and responded to with much enthusiasm.

In closing this report I again desire to thank the brethren of North Huron District for the high honor they have conferred upon me and the many courtesies I have received at their hands.

All of which is fraternally submitted.

P. McLAREN, D. D. G. M.,
North Huron District No. 5.

GRAND LODGE OF A. F. & A. M. OF CANADA IN THE PROVINCE OF ONTARIO
 Table showing the work done in North Huron District, No. 5, from June 24th, 1903, to June 24th, 1904.

Location.	Mem- bership.			Degrees conf'd			Meet- ings held.			Average attendance of members.		Amount paid for relief.	No. of members 12 months in arrears.	Total of all Arrearages.	Date of last G. L. Return.	Financial Standing.
	Total No. of all Mem.	Increase during year.	Decrease during year.	E. A.	F. C.	M. M.	Regular.	Emergent.	Total.	Regular.	Emergent.					
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WILSON DISTRICT NO. 6.

To the Most Worshipful the Grand Master, Officers and Members of the Grand Lodge of A. F. & A. M. of Canada, in the Province of Ontario:

MOST WORSHIPFUL SIR AND BRETHREN:

It affords me great pleasure to present my report on the condition of Masonry in Wilson District No. 6 for the past year. I wish particularly to mention the kind and brotherly way that I have been received and the courtesy shown me throughout the year by the officers and members of the several lodges in the district, and I take this opportunity of thanking them one and all for their kindness to me.

I wish, also, to thank the District for electing me to the important and distinguished position of District Deputy Grand Master. I have filled that honorable position to the best of my ability, and I trust that the different lodges have received some benefit from my visits to them.

I have visited the twenty-two lodges in the district and have found the work, generally speaking, very well done. Although I did not see degree work done in all the lodges yet each lodge has added some to its numbers by initiation during the year.

I was particularly pleased with the interest the P. D. D. G. M's and the Past Masters of the district continue to take in the work. This encourages the officers and assists materially in the good work that is being done throughout the district.

Masonry is flourishing in Wilson District No. 6, the true spirit prevails in the lodges, and I firmly believe that the brethren are endeavoring to practice out of lodge those excellent precepts which are ever inculcated in it.

Several deaths were reported to me, among them being Bros. Caley and Norquay, of Erie Lodge, No. 149; W. Bro. Wood, of Vittoria Lodge, No. 359; Bro. Butler, of Norfolk Lodge, No. 10, and Bro. Cunningham, of Wilson Lodge, No. 113.

VISITATIONS.

Burford Lodge, No. 106, Burford: My first official visit was to this lodge, of which I installed the officers on December 27. I was introduced by R. W. Bro. Miles, who is a very active and regular attender. There was a good turnout of the brethren, and several visitors were also present. After the installation ceremony we adjourned to the hotel nearby and sat down to a very elaborate supper, after which we had many short but instructive speeches. Burford brethren own their lodge room, and the lodge is composed of active well-posted Masons.

Oak Branch Lodge, No. 261, Innerkip: I received an invitation to officially visit this lodge on January 4th and install the officers. The night proved very stormy, and it was only after a long wait that the necessary number of members arrived. Shortly after the opening the W. M., who is a doctor, had a professional call to a very critical case, and the officers, elected and appointed, not being present, the lodge was closed and the installing ceremony did not take place. I spent a very pleasant and profitable evening around the festive board, after the lodge meeting, with the few who had braved the storm and come out. I believe there is a considerable lack of interest in this lodge.

Plattsville Lodge, No. 178, Plattsville: I visited this lodge on the evening of January 5th. There was a good turnout of the brethren, together with visitors from Woodstock and other lodges. The W. M. opened and closed the lodge in the three degrees very well. The third degree was exemplified by W. Bro. McMahon, of Woodstock. The Past Masters of this lodge seem to take a deep interest in the affairs of the lodge.

Norfolk Lodge, No. 10, Simcoe: I visited this lodge on January 9th and installed the officers. The attendance was over one hundred, including visitors from Port Dover, Vittoria, Jarvis and other places. After the ceremony of installation we adjourned to the Melbourne Hotel, where Bro. Brady had prepared a supper in his well-known style. After the repast we spent a short time in listening to instructive speeches and excellent music. There are many active and enthusiastic Masons in Norfolk Lodge.

King Hiram Lodge, No. 78, Tillsonburg: I visited this lodge on January 10th. There was a good turnout of the brethren and some visitors were present. Although the officers had but recently been installed they exemplified the first degree in a faultless manner. They have a new and elegant lodge room. The lodge is certainly in an extremely healthy condition. The lodge was opened and closed in the several degrees. The work of the evening left but little grounds for criticism.

Blenheim Lodge, No. 108, Princeton: I visited this lodge on January 12th. There was no degree work. The lodge was opened and closed in the three degrees fairly well. The membership of this lodge is not large, but there are a few active Masons in it. I think the brethren who take an active interest in the lodges in the smaller places and keep them together deserve great credit. We find some in Blenheim lodge.

Frederick Lodge, No. 217, Delhi: I visited this lodge on February 5th. Although the night was severely cold there was a good turnout of the brethren. It was the first night for the new officers in the chairs. They opened and closed the lodge in the several degrees and exemplified the second degree in a fair manner. With a little more practice I believe the work will be well done, as the officers in the different chairs are enthusiastic Masons.

King Hiram Lodge, No. 37, Ingersoll: I visited this lodge on February 7th. There was a large turnout of the brethren. The officers exemplified the first degree in a fair manner. Improvement would follow practice.

St. John's Lodge, No. 68, Ingersoll: I visited this lodge on February 7th, the two lodges in Ingersoll having called a point meeting for my convenience. The officers of St. John's Lodge exemplified the third degree in a fair manner. It is pleasing to note that the utmost harmony exists between King Hiram and St. John's lodges. A pleasing incident of the evening was the presentation of a Past Master's jewel by the members of King Hiram Lodge to I. P. M. Patterson as a slight recognition of his untiring exertions during his term of office.

Walsingham Lodge, No. 174, Port Rowan: I visited this lodge on February 8th. I found a large turnout of the brethren waiting to receive me as representative of

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Oriental Lodge, No. 181
Lodge, No. 237, Vienna:
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V. W. R. B. D. ...

excellent lunch, we had many short but instructive speeches. These two lodges are only a little over three miles apart, and I am pleased to say that a very harmonious feeling exists between them. They each have a few very enthusiastic members.

Wilson Lodge, No. 113, Waterford: I visited this lodge on March 7th. The officers worked the first degree in an excellent manner. There was a large turnout of the members, including many Past Masters. This lodge is in a very flourishing condition and harmony exists in a marked degree. There is no brother one year in arrears with his dues. They practice largely that grand and fundamental principle of Masonry—Charity. A motion was unanimously carried while I was in their lodge granting an unfortunate brother \$60. I regretted to have found two irregularities practiced in this lodge. I drew the attention of the W. M. to them and believe my successor will find that they are practiced no more.

Thistle Lodge, No. 250, Embro: I visited this lodge on March 9th. The officers conferred the third degree. This lodge is not numerically strong, still, however, they have quality in their numbers. I would suggest to the officers of this lodge that they get together and have "grinds" and try to do their work more thorough and up-to-date. I drove from Woodstock to Embro, and must thank the Woodstock brethren who accompanied me.

St. John's Lodge, No. 82, Paris: I visited this lodge on the 13th March. The officers exemplified the first degree very impressively and correctly. There is a good Masonic feeling existing in St. John's lodge and the work is carefully done. I was called upon to present R. W. Bro. Taylor, I. P. D. D. G. M., with a regalia secured for him by Wilson District as an appreciation of the good work and assistance rendered the district during his incumbency of office.

St. John's Lodge, No. 104, Norwich: I visited this lodge on March 14th. The W. M. conferred the first degree on one candidate, and the I. P. M. conferred the same degree on another in an excellent manner. "Good Work" seems to be the motto of the officers of St. John's Lodge, and plenty of it seems to be the reward. I was introduced by R. W. Bro. Dr. McCurdy, P. D. D. G. M.,

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the brethren do not give better
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retired in large numbers to the
commencement of the degree
social chat to the beautiful work

Erie Lodge, No. 149, Port
mother lodge, on May 7th. The
lodge on March 5th, but a few
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doubly felt, as the brethren had
enlarged the room. However
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Lodge in one of the neatest dis
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Karn and Kennedy, P. D. D. (1
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No. 10, to Erie Lodge, No. 1
Grand Master, M. W. Bro. W
labors the brethren are all

leave the district to my successor in harmony and numerically strong. I wish also to mention the efficiency of the secretaries of the different lodges.

All of which is fraternally submitted.

J. R. WADDLE, D. D. G. M.,
Wilson District No. 6.

WELLINGTON DISTRICT, NO. 7.

*To the Most Worshipful the Grand Master, Officers and
Members of the Grand Lodge of A. F. & A. M.
of Canada, in the Province of Ontario:*

MOST WORSHIPFUL SIR AND BRETHREN:

I beg to submit my report on the condition of Masonry in this district during the past year, and in doing so I feel it my duty first to thank the brethren for the high honor conferred on me in electing me to the highest office in their gift. I owe a debt of gratitude to R. W. Bro. J. W. Porteous and R. W. Bro. D. B. Miller for their valuable assistance, but more particularly to R. W. Bro. R. Mahoney for his unceasing kindness. He accompanied me on no less than eight of my official visits. I visited each lodge in the district once, with the exception of Guelph Lodge, No. 258, which I visited twice, and it gives me great pleasure to say that they are all in a flourishing condition.

I took the liberty of appointing Rev. Dr. Eakin, of Waverley Lodge, No. 361, as District Chaplain, and V. W. Bro. W. H. Smith, of Conestogo Lodge, No. 298, as District Secretary, which I reported to the several lodges through the district in my official circular issued August 5th, 1905.

Lodge of Instruction: This meeting was held in the Masonic Hall, Guelph, April 13th, and was a large and instructive meeting. Much valuable information regarding the Semi-Centennial Fund was given by the Grand Master, M. W. Bro. J. H. Burritt, K. C., who honored us with his presence. We were also highly honored by the presence of M. W. Bro. Hugh Murray, Grand Secretary, who gave many good pointers on the conferring of degrees. He also showed that this district and Guelph city in particular were not as earnest in their gifts for benevolence as they should be. I desire to express my thanks to the lodges who responded so cheerfully to my request to work the several degrees in this Lodge of Instruction. New Hope Lodge, No. 279, Hespeler, exem-

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ported to me, viz.:

Bro. James Dass, of Merc
August 10th, 1905.

Bro. John Bowes, of Irvine
August 10th, 1905.

W. Bro. Archibald Little, of
died August 12th, 1905.

Bro. Edward Walker, of Gt
August 14th, 1905.

R. W. Bro. T. P. Smith, P.
District No. 7, and member c
died October 20th, 1905.

Bro. Henry R. Winter, of I
died November 26th, 1905.

Bro. George I. Robb, membe
52, Philadelphia, Penn., died
29th, 1905, and was buried by

R. W. Bro. John McLaren, I
ton District No. 7, and memb
216, died February 18th, 1906.

V. W. Bro. Richard Johnston
died June 12th, 1906.

VISITATION

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railway station by W. B.

his books are well kept. At the fourth degree speeches and songs were given which were both instructive and pleasing.

Clifford Lodge, No. 315, Clifford: I visited this lodge on October 16th, where I had the pleasure of meeting W. Bros. Lambert and Valance, of Harriston Lodge, No. 262. The officers worked a first and second degree. Their books are well kept and everything seems to be in good order. After the lodge was closed a pleasant hour was spent at the banquet with songs and speeches.

Wellington Lodge, No. 271, Erin: I visited this lodge on the evening of November 8th. I was accompanied by R. W. Bro. R. Mahoney; W. Bro. T. Rundal, W. M. of Speed Lodge, No. 180; W. Bro. W. A. Mahoney, W. M. of Guelph Lodge, No. 258; W. Bro. Thomas Till, of Wellington Lodge, No. 271 (who now resides in Guelph), and Bros. George Skinner, James Palmer and T. Gemmel, it being P. M.'s night. A very profitable night was spent. W. Bro. James Kirkwood, of Brampton, the first Master of Wellington Lodge, No. 271, was present and added very much to the pleasure of the meeting. He had a good deal of up-hill work during the three years he was in the chair.

St. Alban's Lodge, No. 200, Mount Forest: I visited this lodge on the 9th of November. This was P. M.'s night, with W. Bro. W. G. Lowry, the W. M., in the chair. There was no work on, but the lodge was opened and closed in the three degrees in a very creditable manner, and I was told by W. Bro. J. S. Ireland, who is one of our burning and shining lights in Masonry, that the regular officers of the lodge are well up in their work.

New Hope Lodge, No. 297, Hespeler: I visited this lodge on the 6th of December. It being their installation of officers there was no work on. The officers were installed by R. W. Bro. Porteous, Alma Lodge, Galt, assisted by W. Bro. John Jardine and your humble servant. The lodge was closed by the new officers in the three degrees without a hitch, which indicates that their work throughout will be well done. I had the pleasure of meeting R. W. Bro. Dr. Lockhart, and was pleased to be accompanied by my distinguished friend, R. W. Bro. R. Mahoney, Sr. After the lodge was closed a pleasant hour was spent in the banquet hall.

Preston Lodge, No. 279, Preston: I visited this lodge

the most enthusiastic support
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trict No. 7. The lodge room
and quite comfortable. After
usual banquet was held, when
with songs and speeches.

Guelph Lodge, No. 258, Gt
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not bad. R. W. Bro. Mahor
tender, and the success of this
efforts. The lodge gave a b
particularly for those of our br
Stock Show. Two candidates
degree. Books are well and ne

Alma Lodge, No. 72, Galt:
Past Master's night, December
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finest lodge rooms in the district so far as I have visited. After the lodge was called from labor to refreshment a very pleasant hour or two was spent in the banquet room, where we were entertained by most excellent singing and instrumental music, also the usual toast list, which was responded to by many able speeches.

Blair Lodge, No. 314, Palmerston: I visited this lodge January 12th, 1906. The W. M., W. Bro. Geo. E. McKowan, was too ill to attend, and W. Bro. H. Hindman, Jr., occupied the East. There were two candidates initiated, the work being fairly well done. The S. Warden, Bro. Wm. McEwan, excels in the West. They are having a successful year, always plenty of work on hand. The books are well kept by Bro. H. McEwing, who is now serving his eighth year as Secretary.

Irvine Lodge, No. 203, Elora: I visited this lodge on the evening of January 19th. Their lodge room is well furnished and has a bright appearance. There was a large attendance on this occasion. Three doctors occupied the three principal chairs, Dr. W. C. Wallace in the East. A first degree was conferred very good. The books are well kept by the Secretary, R. W. Bro. E. Burns. I was accompanied by R. W. Bro. R. Mahoney. An excellent banquet was provided, where we had the pleasure of listening to several good speeches on the excellence of Freemasonry.

Galt Lodge, No. 257, Galt: I visited this lodge on the 6th of February. The P. M's were to do the work of the third degree, but unfortunately, on account of sickness, the candidate was unable to attend. R. W. Bro. Cowan occupied the chair in the east, and I proposed that they exemplify the work with one of the brethren present, which was done in very good style. I was honored by the presence of R. W. Bro. R. Mahoney, of Guelph Lodge, No. 258; R. W. Bro. J. W. Porteous, Alma Lodge, No. 72, and R. W. Bro. D. B. Miller, Preston Lodge, No. 297. The feature at the banquet was a letter by Rev. Bro. R. T. Knowles on "Canada, our Country."

Grand River Lodge, No. 151, Berlin: I visited this lodge February 13th. W. Bro. D. W. Houston, W. M., and officers initiated a candidate in a very creditable manner. W. Bro. Houston is an ideal Master, and is well supported in the West and South by Bros. D. Klein-

I was pleased to meet R. nately had to retire before has a neat little lodge room somewhat disappointed at occasion, but those who were our Masons, particularly V who is now their Secretary per shape. We enjoyed the room after the lodge was closed.

Conestogo Lodge, No. 20 lodge March 12th. Conestogo Scar, the W. M., has the work supported by the other officers. W. H. Smith is an ideal Secretary. tations and one raising.

Bro. Woods, who has been eleven years, and although cheerful and keeps well posted togo lodge. After the lodges were served.

Harriston Lodge, No. 26 lodge on March 12th. I was R. Mahoney. One candidate mysteries of Freemasonry.

Fisher, did his work in good. Mahoney gave the lecture in not prepared to give it. He the Book of Constitution is

nied by V. W. Bro. W. H. Smith, District Secretary, W. Bro. Scar, W. M. of Conestogo Lodge, No. 295, and several of the brethren. The officers of this lodge are not up to the standard with the work, but they promised to apply with double diligence. There was one initiation, with V. W. Bro. R. M. Lindsay in the chair. He also gave the J. W.'s lecture, and I gave the charge from the Book of Constitution, which was the first work I attempted while visiting officially. After the lodge was closed the time-honored banquet was served.

Waverley Lodge, No. 361, Guelph: I visited this lodge March 26th. This is the banner lodge of Guelph and one of the best in the district. W. Bro. McKinnon, who is the Master, is well up in the work, also Bro. B. G. Gummer, S. W., and Bro. R. S. Cull, J. W. There were two initiations, and the work was well done. W. Bro. Wm. Clark gave the charge from the Book of Constitution in a very impressive manner. R. W. Bro. Dr. Savage and R. W. Bro. C. Pettiford were present, also the sheriff, Bro. Allen, who added much to the pleasure of the entertainment in the banquet hall.

Ayr Lodge, No. 172, Ayr: I paid my official visit to this lodge at an emergent meeting April 30th. I have nothing but congratulations to offer this lodge for the very efficient manner in which they exemplified the work, also for the opening and closing in the three degrees. W. Bro. A. G. Verchere is letter perfect. Although laboring under a severe cold he worked a third degree in a very impressive manner. Bro. R. Gourlay, S. D., and Bro. J. Reid, J. D., are expert in their work. W. Bro. J. Gillespie, their respected Treasurer and oldest member of the lodge, was present. R. W. Bro. J. W. Porteous, accompanied by the Galt quartette and several other brethren from Galt, were present and furnished good music at the banquet.

Speed Lodge, No. 180, Guelph: I visited my mother, Speed Lodge, No. 180, on May 1st. I was made a Mason in this lodge on March 6th, 1894, and having been a regular attender ever since, I can testify that under the guidance of our honored and most respected P. D. D. G. M., R. W. Bro. John Scoon, not only the work but also the business of the lodge has always been done after the best fashion. We were honored by the presence of R.

W. Bro. R. Mahoney, whom I might say is a regular attendant of Speed Lodge, also R. W. Bro. C. Pettiford.

Scott Lodge, No. 421, Grand Valley: I visited this lodge on the evening of May 7th. The W. M. was conspicuous by his absence on this occasion, but W. Bro. James McClelland, the I. P. M., conferred the third degree in a manner which was a credit to himself and an honor to Scott Lodge. The officers of this lodge are well up in their work, which I have no doubt is due to the untiring efforts of W. Bro. McClelland. Bro. J. E. McIntyre, S. W., will be a star in the East next year. W. Bro. Wm. McIntyre is a painstaking Secretary, his books are well kept. The usual banquet and toast list concluded a very pleasant and profitable evening.

Harris Lodge, No. 216, Orangeville: I visited this lodge May 8th. W. Bro. C. R. McKeown and his officers initiated one candidate into the mysteries of Freemasonry. The work was well done, also the opening and closing in the three degrees. I was pleased to meet R. W. Bro. R. Irvine and V. W. Bro. Robert Munn, also W. Bro. Preston, whom I have no doubt will at no distant date adorn the office which I now hold. Harris lodge is prospering, always plenty of work to keep the implements bright. After the lodge was closed a pleasant hour was spent, when refreshments were served and speeches without number.

Before closing I should like to put my name on record as being in favor of doing the business of private lodges in the third degree. There are good reasons which could be advanced for making the change which would not be proper to mention here. I know the change could not be made in a day, but I believe the time will come when the brethren will see that to be the better way.

I thank the brethren for the many kindnesses shown me during my official visits. There are many names I would like to mention here, but a name cherished in the memory is more fragrant than written on paper.

All of which is fraternally submitted.

W. G. STEPHENSON, D. D. G. M.,
Wellington District No. 7.

GRAND LODGE OF A. F. & A. M. OF CANADA IN THE PROVINCE OF ONTARIO

Table Showing the work done in Wellington District, No. 7, from June 24th, 1905, to June 24th, 1906.

Number of Lodge.	NAME OF LODGE.	LOCATION.	Mem- bership.		Total No. of all Mem.	Increase during year.		Decrease during year.		Degree's conf rd			Affiliations.	Restorations.	Resignations.	Suspensions N. P. D.	Suspensions, other causes.	Deceased.	Meet- ings held.			Average attendance of members.	Amount paid for relief.	No. of members 12 months in arrears.	Total of all Arrearages.	Date of last G. L. Return.	Financial Standing.	Prospects of Lodge.	Can W. M. work all degrees.	Insurance.		
			Mem- bership.	ber- ship.		E. A.	F. C.	M. M.	Total.	Regular.	Emergency.																					
72	Arna.	Galt	135	9	135	9	135	9	135	9	135	9	135	9	135	9	135	9	135	9	135	9	135	9	135	9	135	9	135	9	135	9
161	Grand River	Arna	157	9	157	9	157	9	157	9	157	9	157	9	157	9	157	9	157	9	157	9	157	9	157	9	157	9	157	9	157	9
172	Ayr	Ayr	44	5	44	5	44	5	44	5	44	5	44	5	44	5	44	5	44	5	44	5	44	5	44	5	44	5	44	5	44	5
180	Speed	Guelph	88	3	88	3	88	3	88	3	88	3	88	3	88	3	88	3	88	3	88	3	88	3	88	3	88	3	88	3	88	3
200	St. A. Ben's Mount Forest.	Arna	60	3	60	3	60	3	60	3	60	3	60	3	60	3	60	3	60	3	60	3	60	3	60	3	60	3	60	3	60	3
208	Irvine	Arna	57	1	57	1	57	1	57	1	57	1	57	1	57	1	57	1	57	1	57	1	57	1	57	1	57	1	57	1	57	1
216	Harris	Arna	154	...	154	...	154	...	154	...	154	...	154	...	154	...	154	...	154	...	154	...	154	...	154	...	154	...	154	...	154	...
227	Galt	Arna	196	...	196	...	196	...	196	...	196	...	196	...	196	...	196	...	196	...	196	...	196	...	196	...	196	...	196	...	196	...
236	Guelph	Arna	90	4	90	4	90	4	90	4	90	4	90	4	90	4	90	4	90	4	90	4	90	4	90	4	90	4	90	4	90	4
252	Harris	Arna	94	...	94	...	94	...	94	...	94	...	94	...	94	...	94	...	94	...	94	...	94	...	94	...	94	...	94	...	94	...
271	Wellington	Arna	71	8	71	8	71	8	71	8	71	8	71	8	71	8	71	8	71	8	71	8	71	8	71	8	71	8	71	8	71	8
279	New Hope	Arna	65	3	65	3	65	3	65	3	65	3	65	3	65	3	65	3	65	3	65	3	65	3	65	3	65	3	65	3	65	3
285	Conestogo	Arna	56	12	56	12	56	12	56	12	56	12	56	12	56	12	56	12	56	12	56	12	56	12	56	12	56	12	56	12	56	12
287	Preston	Arna	54	4	54	4	54	4	54	4	54	4	54	4	54	4	54	4	54	4	54	4	54	4	54	4	54	4	54	4	54	4
286	Durham	Arna	55	4	55	4	55	4	55	4	55	4	55	4	55	4	55	4	55	4	55	4	55	4	55	4	55	4	55	4	55	4
314	Clair	Arna	55	11	55	11	55	11	55	11	55	11	55	11	55	11	55	11	55	11	55	11	55	11	55	11	55	11	55	11	55	11
315	Clifford	Arna	57	4	57	4	57	4	57	4	57	4	57	4	57	4	57	4	57	4	57	4	57	4	57	4	57	4	57	4	57	4
334	Arth.	Arna	54	2	54	2	54	2	54	2	54	2	54	2	54	2	54	2	54	2	54	2	54	2	54	2	54	2	54	2	54	2
347	Mercer	Arna	80	2	80	2	80	2	80	2	80	2	80	2	80	2	80	2	80	2	80	2	80	2	80	2	80	2	80	2	80	2
351	Waverly	Arna	125	9	125	9	125	9	125	9	125	9	125	9	125	9	125	9	125	9	125	9	125	9	125	9	125	9	125	9	125	9
421	Scott	Arna	91	4	91	4	91	4	91	4	91	4	91	4	91	4	91	4	91	4	91	4	91	4	91	4	91	4	91	4	91	4

HAMILTON DISTRICT NO. 8.

*To the Most Worshipful the Grand Master, Officers and
Members of the Grand Lodge of A. F. & A. M.
of Canada, in the Province of Ontario:*

MOST WORSHIPFUL SIR AND BRETHREN:

I have the honor of presenting my report on the condition of Masonry in Hamilton District No. 8 during the year ending June 24th, 1906.

In reporting to you regarding my term of office, I wish to thank my brethren for the confidence they placed in me by electing me to the honorable and responsible position of D. D. G. M. I entered upon my office knowing not only that I had a great deal to learn, but that I could not perform the duties of my position without the practical sympathy and the hearty co-operation of my brethren. Both of these have been given to me and my term of office has in this way been made a delightful one to me personally.

During my term of office I have visited all the lodges in the district once officially, besides making several fraternal ones.

I have found the various lodges enthusiastic in the work of the Craft. It has been a continual delight to me to see how familiar the brethren are with the work. Good feeling prevails. Good business methods in regard to the finances of the various lodges are the order of the day. The brethren are seeking for the best and are glad to receive any suggestions that promise a better practice of the Masonic art. There is still room for growth even in our most privileged lodges, and I believe that if the present temper prevails that the next decade will mean development in Masonry that will surprise her most enthusiastic disciples.

It has been my aim to keep the claims of the Semi-Centennial Benevolent Fund prominently before the various lodges. These are the days of full harvest and of enormous growth in the financial wealth of the country. Of these advantages the brethren have their full share, and

it is their plain duty to provide for the needy widow and orphans of deserving brethren. A brother must be poor indeed who cannot respond to the exceedingly fair request of the Grand Lodge in this particular. The brother who can afford the sum requested but who refuses to pay it is surely lacking in the fundamental virtue of a Mason. The brethren as a general rule have shown a considerable interest in this work, and all that is needed is a little systematic work and this object will be accomplished. I have further urged the brethren to be careful in their choice of officers. As the officers are, so is the lodge likely to be. I have cautioned all to be careful as to whom they admit to the ceremony of initiation. Masonry has no place in her ranks for the self-seeker or the depraved or for those who are incapable of understanding and practising her high standards of thoughts and practice. I have even said that it is better to exclude from her ranks half a dozen good men than by the exercise of a mistaken charity to admit one whose past life gives any reason for the belief that he may prove himself a bad Mason. A Masonic lodge is not a reformatory for the morally derelict nor an hospital for the morally unhealthy. The brethren are coming to their own in this particular. They are coming to see that for the real prosperity of a lodge it is better to have a membership of a score of men who are clean, upright, intelligent and enterprising than to have a membership of a hundred not a dozen of whom command the respect of the choicest spirits of the community.

Masonry should rank high among the forces that make for law and order and for the highest welfare of the community. She can accomplish this only by guarding well her ballot.

Masonry has a great work to do in this new country of ours. Fortunes are being made in a day. Each newspaper has its story of the discovery of vast wealth. Great commercial enterprises of international significance are crowding upon us. The danger is that in the midst of our hurry that we forget that we are men and brothers. Masonry is the friend of labor, of industry, of foresight and of enterprise, but she is, above all else, a great spiritual force that stands for elemental manhood and for fraternity. She should look upon commerce as being man's handmaid and not as his shackle.

This Masonic year has marked the close of the labors of some of our brethren. To all who mourn their absence in the family circle or in the lodge room the sincerest sympathy of the Craft is warmly tendered. Especially I take the privilege of mentioning my immediate predecessor in this office, R. W. Bro. Fred. Walters. Bro. Walters was a true Mason, he cherished the loftiest ideals of life both as a man and as Mason. No one was more willing than he to help the discouraged or to share what he had with those in need. Many a world-worn spirit has been cheered by his handclasp and by his cheery word. He is greatly missed both as a man and as a citizen. Among others who have passed away and whose loss we sincerely mourn I desire to mention: W. Bro. A. Cowan, W. Bro. Samuel George Moore, Bros. Hugh Shaw, Stewart Malloch, G. W. Spackman, John Ross, Henry Watson, Francis Fitzgerald.

In conclusion I desire to thank all the brethren who accompanied me on my official visits in this connection. I wish to make special mention of the services of Bro. S. Frank Smith, who has so ably acted as my Secretary.

Then let us pray that come it may,
As come it will for a' that,
That sense and worth o'er a' the earth
Maun bear the Gree and a' that.
For a' that, and a' that,
It's coming yet, for a' that,
That man to man this wide world o'er
Shall brithers be, for a' that.

REPORT ON LODGES.

Temple Lodge, No. 324, Hamilton: I visited this lodge on the 10th of October, 1905. This was the occasion of my first official visit. On this occasion I was presented with a very beautiful regalia, for which I wish to thank the brethren of the district. W. Bro. E. F. Lazier was in the chair, his officers all being present. A brother was raised to the sublime degree of a M. M. I may say that I never saw this degree worked better; its solemn teachings were brought out impressively. I found the books well and neatly kept. Members in good standing 314. After the lodge was closed the J. W. invited us to an exemplification of the fourth degree. A very enjoyable evening was spent.

Seymour Lodge, No. 272, Ancaster: I visited this lodge on the 7th of November. I was welcomed by a good attendance of the brethren. The membership of this lodge is 100. Ten candidates were initiated, passed and raised during the Masonic year. The lodge owns its own building and is in good financial standing. I found the books neatly and correctly kept. The first degree was worked by the W. M., assisted by his officers. The work was specially well done.

Burlington Lodge, No. 165, Burlington: Visited this lodge on the 6th of December, 1905. There was a good attendance of the brethren. They have initiated four during the year. They have held 12 regular and 2 emergent meetings during the year, average attendance 28. Finances are in good condition. I find this to be quite a benevolent lodge. This being the night for the election of officers I was asked to officiate, and I must say everything passed off as it should. On the following evening, December 7th, they held an At Home in a neighboring building, at which we spent a very enjoyable evening along with the ladies. I cannot speak in too high terms of the efficiency of this lodge.

Acacia Lodge, No. 61, Hamilton: I visited this lodge on December 8th, 1905. There was a large turnout of members and visitors, this being the occasion of their annual meeting. Among the distinguished brethren who were present upon this occasion I might mention M. W. Bro. Hugh Murray, Grand Secretary; R. W. Bro. F. H. Howell, R. W. Bro. Geo. C. Holden, V. W. Bro. Thomas Pedler, V. W. Bro. Greenhill, V. W. Bro. A. T. Neill and others. I might say that I found the books well and neatly kept. Finances all that could be desired. They have initiated 29 during the year, passed 27 and raised 23. They held 13 regular and 11 special meetings. Total membership 344. This being the night for election of officers, I presided at that function, everything passing off very satisfactory. This lodge is doing exceptionally good work.

Wentworth Lodge, No. 166, Stoney Creek: I visited this lodge on December 11th, 1905. There was a very good turnout of the brethren, besides a number of visiting brethren. Our Grand Chaplain, R. W. Bro. Howitt, and R. W. Bro. G. C. Holden were present with us. This lodge has a membership of 139. Average attend-

ance 35. They initiated 8 during the year, passed 9 and raised 11, while 2 joined by affiliation. They held 11 regular and 4 special meetings. Finances are in excellent condition and they carry an insurance of \$600 on furniture. W. Bro. A. E. Walker, assisted by his officers, initiated a candidate. I do not know that I ever saw the floor work better done. I look upon Wentworth lodge as being an up-to-date lodge.

The Lodge of Strict Observance, No. 27, Hamilton: I visited this lodge on December 15th, 1905. This lodge has a membership of 356. Financial standing one of the best in the district. They initiated 17 during the year, while six joined by application. They lost 7 by death. R. W. Bros. T. M. Davis, F. J. Howell, Birrell, Simpson, Holden, Gunn, Walters and Hutchison were all with us upon this occasion. I noticed that this lodge was well up in the payment of dues; arrears were quite small as compared with other lodges. This speaks well for W. Bro. W. C. Morton, who is a very efficient Secretary.

St. John's Lodge, No. 40, Hamilton: I visited this lodge on December 21st, 1905. There was a large turnout of members and visiting brethren. W. Bro. Zimmerman and his officers I know did their work well, although I am speaking from memory, having lost or mislaid my private notes taken on the occasion of my visit. They did some work, and the floor work was all that could be desired. This being the night for the election of officers I was asked to preside, everything passing off as it should. W. Bro. Wilson and his officers, I am confident, will keep up the standard of the lodge. They have a membership of 424. The increase during the year has been 22. They have held 11 regular and 8 emergent meetings. Average attendance 72. Prospects of the lodge are good.

Harmony Lodge, No. 57, Binbrook: I visited this lodge on December 27th, 1905. As this was the night for installation of officers I was asked to assume the gavel and perform that function, which I did, assisted by W. Bro. Greenfield. There was a fairly good attendance both of the members and visitors. The officers installed were all good men, and I bespeak for them a prosperous year. This lodge has 50 members. They have held 12 regular meetings during the past year, although they have only initiated two candidates. Average attendance 13.

Finances are in a healthy condition. They have given away in charity during the year \$50.00. Books are fairly well kept.

Waterdown Lodge, No. 357, Millgrove: I paid my official visit to Waterdown Lodge, No. 357, Millgrove, on February 6th, 1905. This being my mother lodge, it goes without saying that it is a lodge that I take a particular interest in. Of course, I consider it a perfect lodge, as its number indicates, 3-5-7, all being perfect numbers. This lodge has been somewhat handicapped this year, its W. M., W. Bro. Douglass, being absent almost continuously since his installation. They have initiated six, passed eight and raised two during the year. Number of members on roll, 87. They have cash on hand \$220.00. They have given away in charity this year \$86.00. There was a good attendance. W. Bros. Ryckman, Smith and Flatt worked the second degree, passing three candidates in a very creditable manner. This being the night for the election of officers, the honor of conducting the same fell upon myself; the same passed off very harmoniously. After the lodge was closed we were entertained at a very sumptuous repast in the room below the lodge room.

St. Clair Lodge, No. 135, Milton: I visited this lodge on February 8th, 1906. The W. M., W. Bro. Crazier, assisted by his officers, worked the first degree in a very creditable manner. This lodge has initiated 5, passed 9 and raised 6 during the year. They have held 16 meetings during the year. They seem to be thoroughly alive and doing good work. In fact, the only thing that I felt like criticizing was the fact of them having \$180.00 dues in arrears. I outlined to them their duty in this respect. They have a very nice lodge room and are financially in a good condition. At the banquet following we were entertained quite handsomely.

Credit Lodge, No. 219, Georgetown: I visited this lodge on February 9th, 1906, accompanied by my Secretary, W. Bro. Smith, together with W. Bro. Easterbrook, of Burlington Lodge. This is a most progressive lodge; they seem to have got a lot of new and good blood in it and they are thoroughly alive to their work. W. Bro. R. C. Adams, assisted by his officers, worked the first degree in a very effective manner, and, in fact, taking it all around, I think Georgetown stands second to none. They

have paid out in benevolence \$35.00. There are practically no back dues, and they are doing good work. After the lodge was closed the J. W. invited us all to the banquet room, where we all did good work.

Oakville Lodge, No. 400, Oakville: I visited this lodge on March 6th, 1906. There was a good attendance both of members and visitors. W. Bro. W. T. Marshall, assisted by his officers, worked the Fellowcraft degree in a highly effective manner. They have a membership of 128. They have had 12 regular meetings and 3 emergent ones during the year. They are financially quite sound, besides looking well after all benevolent schemes. They carry a good insurance on their property, and their books are well and neatly kept. After the lodge was closed we were highly entertained until the bus driver called "All aboard."

Brant Lodge, No. 45, Brantford: I visited this lodge on March 13th, 1906. Up till the time of my official visit 16 meetings had been held during the current Masonic year. The number of members on the roll is 202; average attendance, 35. During the year they initiated 15, passed 9 and raised 7. The Secretary and Treasurer are both bonded, and the funds of the lodge are kept in chartered banks. The building is rented jointly with Doric lodge and the Chapter. An insurance of \$1,500.00 is maintained on the furniture of the lodge. Ten per cent. of initiation fees and 15 per cent of dues are systematically set aside for benevolence. During the year this lodge spent \$160.00 in benevolence. The records are neatly and correctly kept. The W. M. and his officers worked the second degree in a highly creditable manner. Special mention should be made of the fine manner in which the S. W. gave the lecture on the tracing board.

Doric Lodge, No. 121, Brantford: I visited this lodge on March 16th, 1906. There was a very large number of members and visitors present. This lodge being thoroughly alive and up to date, and wishing me to see everything that went on during the evening, invited me to be present before the lodge was opened, a privilege that I gladly accepted. After the lodge was opened the W. M., W. Bro. J. A. Spence, and brethren gave me a hearty welcome. There were no degrees worked during the evening, but there was good work done. An entered apprentice was examined for advancement; may all such

be as well posted. The illustrated lecture was given by the J. W. The charge was given by the Senior Deacon. The lodge was then opened in the second degree. A Fellowcraft was examined for advancement. The illustrated lecture was given by the Senior Warden. The charge to Fellowcraft was given by the Inner Guard. The lodge was then opened in the third degree. A Master Mason was then examined by the J. W. "The Ideal Mason," presentation of button, R. W. Bro. J. D. Liddell. This lodge initiated 40 during the present year. All O. K. financially. Books well and neatly kept. "Toil and pleasure, in their nature opposites, are yet linked together," therefore we close for refreshments.

St. George Lodge, No. 243, St. George: I made my official visit to this lodge on April 5th, 1906. This lodge is in excellent shape, financially and otherwise. There were about 30 members present, besides a number of brethren from Paris, Dundas and Waterdown lodges. I also found in this lodge that there were more arrears of dues than I cared to find on the books. This lodge has a membership of about 67. They had 3 initiated during the year. There has not been anything contributed as yet towards the Semi-Centennial Benevolent Fund, neither had they given anything away during the year to benevolence. The W. M. and officers are all well up in their work. After the lodge was closed we were handsomely entertained at a banquet prepared by the Junior Warden.

Walker Lodge, No. 321, Acton: I visited this lodge on April 9th. Total members, 52. The number initiated, passed and raised during the year was 4. All resident members' dues were paid in full. Cash on hand, \$300; liabilities, none. Amount subscribed for Semi-Centennial Fund, \$72. Books and records well and neatly kept. The W. M. and his officers worked the first degree in a very creditable manner. This is a lodge of young men, full of life and hope. After the close of the lodge the J. W. invited the brethren to the banquet room.

The Barton Lodge, No. 6, Hamilton: I visited this lodge officially on June 1st, 1906. This being the annual meeting for the election of officers for the ensuing year, I had the honor to preside at this function. Everything passed off as it should, all officers being elected by accla-

mation. This is the oldest lodge in the Hamilton district. The W. M., W. Bro. George Moore and his officers are all well up in their work. There were 11 regular and 6 emergent meetings held during the year, with an average attendance of 86; one meeting was for attending the funeral of our late Bro. Samuel George Moore; 4 for conferring degrees, and one for receiving the travelling trowel from the Washington Lodge, No. 240, Buffalo, N. Y. There were 32 degrees worked during the year, with 12 initiations. I was informed that their object was not so much to increase their members, but rather to improve the standing and efficiency of its members, and from what I saw and heard I am of the opinion that their efforts have been crowned with success. \$400 have been handed over to M. W. Bro. Hugh Murray on account of the Semi-Centennial Benevolent Fund. There are 353 members in good standing. I am informed that the greater portion of the outstanding dues will be collected before St. John's Day. W. Bro. George Moore, with his officers, members and Masonic friends to the number of 166 travelled to Detroit, Michigan, on Saturday, 21st April, and placed the travelling trowel in the custody of W. Bro. Olen J. Knott, W. M. of Detroit Lodge No. 2, Detroit, Michigan. In conclusion I desire to say that it pleased me to know that The Barton Lodge, although the oldest lodge in the district, is not only alive and up to date, but is probably the most youthful if it is not the baby lodge.

St. Andrew's Lodge, No. 62, Caledonia: I visited this Lodge on June 6th, 1906. I drove out from Hamilton and had a very pleasant drive, but when I got there there seemed to be a difficulty to get a quorum to open lodge. The lodge was opened up at 9 o'clock with nine present, one-half of them being Past Masters. W. Bro. Dr. H. Maw, assisted by two Past Masters, gave a candidate his second degree in a very efficient manner. I was also well pleased at the very efficient way that W. Bro. James Old gave the lecture on the tracing board. There seemed to me to be a lack of interest taken in the lodge. After the lodge was closed down we were handsomely entertained in the fourth degree work.

Valley Lodge, No. 100, Dundas: I visited this lodge on June 11th, 1906. This lodge has a membership of 122. They have held 12 regular and 3 emergent meet-

ings during the year. There have been 13 added by initiation and 7 by affiliation during the year, showing that they have been thoroughly alive. They have given away in charity during the year \$51, and have a cash balance on hand of some \$464. Very little outstanding dues, which shows that they have a very good Secretary in R. W. Bro. Latshaw. Bro. W. H. Bates, the W. M., is very energetic in his work. This being the night of election of officers, I was invited to assume the gavel for that purpose, everything passing off quite harmoniously. Prospects for this lodge are bright.

Dufferin Lodge, No. 291, Flamboro: I visited this lodge on June 15th, 1906. Worshipful Master J. K. Menchin being absent at Camp Niagara, I did not witness any floor work. This lodge has initiated 10 during the year. They have held 12 regular and 5 emergent meetings during the year. The lodge is in good standing financially and otherwise, and prospects for future bright. They have given considerable away in benevolence.

Dundurn Lodge, Hamilton: I visited this lodge on June 16th, 1906. This lodge is under dispensation at present. There were 16 charter members. They have initiated 14 during the year and 11 have joined by affiliation, making in all 41 members at present. They have held 11 meetings during the year; average attendance being 48. They have given, along with the other city lodges, \$100 towards the Sanitorium on the mountain, and yet stand four square to all the world financially. W. Bro. John Hooper, along with his officers, are certainly whooping the baby lodge along and deserve all the eulogy I can heap upon them. I certainly think they are deserving of their charter or warrant of constitution.

Doric Lodge, No. 382, Hamilton: I visited this lodge on June 18th, 1906. Bro. David Gibson, W. M., in the chair. This is one of the strongest lodges in the district, having a membership of some 298. They have initiated 32 during the year. They have held 12 regular and 8 emergent meetings. On this occasion there was a very large turnout of members as well as visiting brethren. I consider all the officers of this lodge well up in their work. This lodge has some \$2,200 invested in good security. No liabilities. This being the night for election of officers, I was asked to preside; everything passed off quite harmoniously.

In laying down the gavel of this office, I must confess that I have performed its duties at considerable sacrifice of time, yet I forget all this when I remember the value of Masonry and the services that she renders every day, not only to the members of the craft, but to Canada and to the Motherland. At times I have felt the burden of office almost too heavy, for there are comparatively few who believe that benevolence and brotherly love should be above the dollar. While I hope to continue to take an active part in the work of the craft till I am summoned to the Grand Lodge above, I feel no small measure of relief in turning once more to the quiet hills and fields, for

A country lad is my degree,
An' few there be that ken me, O ;
But what care I how few they be,
I'm welcome aye to Nannie, O.
Come weal, come woe, I care na' by,
I'll tak' what heaven will send me, O,
Nae ither care in life hae I
But live an' love my Nannie, O.

My work has had its imperfections, but I ask you to

Pardon now, the bold outlaw,
Rob Roy MacGregor, O ;
Grant him mercy, gentles a',
Rob Roy MacGregor, O.
Let your hands and hearts agree,
Set the Highland laddie free,
Make us sing wi' muckle glee,
Rob Roy MacGregor, O.

J. O. MCGREGOR, D. D. G. M.,
Hamilton District No. 8.

GRAND LODGE OF A. F. & A. M. OF CANADA IN THE PROVINCE OF ONTARIO.
Table Showing the work done in Hamilton District, No. 8, from June 24th, 1905, to June 24th, 1906.

Number of Lodge.	Name of Lodge.	Location.	Membership		Degrees		Arbitrations	Resolutions	Regular	Suspended	Suspended on other causes	Suspended on P. D.	Average attendance of members	Amount paid for relief.	No. of members 12 months in arrears.	Total of all averages.	Date of last C. L. Return.	Financial Standing.	Prospects of Lodge.	Can W. M. work all degrees.	Insurance.
			Total No. of all Mem.	Increase during year.	Decrease during year.	E. A.	F. C.	M. M.	Regular	Suspended	Suspended on other causes	Suspended on P. D.	Average attendance of members	Amount paid for relief.	No. of members 12 months in arrears.	Total of all averages.	Date of last C. L. Return.	Financial Standing.	Prospects of Lodge.	Can W. M. work all degrees.	Insurance.
6	The Barton	Hamilton	353	10	14	10	11	4	1	2	...	...	38	\$53 40	20	\$ 89 45	June 25, '05	Good	Good	Yes	Jointly
97	Strickland	Hamilton	167	8	13	17	16	8	1	1	...	...	46	\$47 00	9	16 25	June 24, '06	Good	Good	Yes	Jointly
40	St. John's	Hamilton	124	23	33	30	20	3	6	...	...	...	73	\$70 00	27	\$23 18	June 24, '06	Good	Good	Yes	Jointly
45	Brant	Brantford	280	21	21	19	16	10	4	7	...	...	29	\$94 00	24	\$70 75	Dec. 27, '05	Excellent	Good	Yes	Jointly
57	Harmony	Brantford	43	6	2	2	2	10	...	...	...	...	13	\$30 00	...	...	Dec. 27, '05	Good	Fair	Yes	Jointly
61	Acacia	Hamilton	149	16	23	24	25	5	2	6	...	...	49	\$75 00	54	164 00	Dec. 27, '05	First Class	Excellent	Yes	Jointly
68	St. Andrew	Galedonia	54	5	1	5	4	...	...	...	...	...	17	\$64 00	6	29 00	Dec. 27, '05	Good	Fair	Yes	Jointly
100	Valley	Dundas	122	15	14	16	15	8	2	1	...	...	41	\$64 00	13	51 31	Dec. 27, '05	Good	Good	Yes	Jointly
121	Doric	Brantford	246	34	40	43	40	8	5	3	...	...	48	\$30 00	41	139 50	Dec. 27, '05	Good	Good	Yes	Jointly
125	St. Clair	Milton	56	4	3	4	5	...	...	...	...	...	23	\$30 00	24	166 00	Jan. 1, '06	Good	Good	Yes	Jointly
165	Burlington	Burlington	95	6	1	5	5	1	1	...	...	...	25	\$10 00	9	54 75	Dec. 27, '05	Good	Good	Yes	Jointly
166	Wentworth	Stoney Creek	140	7	1	9	6	6	1	1	...	...	38	\$50 00	20	100 00	Dec. 31, '05	Good	Good	Yes	Jointly
219	Credit	Georgetown	84	4	2	1	1	...	...	...	...	...	21	\$50 00	6	16 55	July 1, '05	Bright	Bright	Yes	Jointly
243	St. George	St. George	69	5	5	4	4	1	...	...	...	...	12	\$50 00	13	94 00	Dec. 27, '05	Fair	Good	Yes	Jointly
272	Reynour	Ancaster	99	3	8	9	10	...	...	...	...	...	21	\$30 00	12	130 00	Dec. 27, '05	Good	Good	Yes	Jointly
291	Dufferin	W. F. Amboro	79	6	10	10	9	...	...	...	...	...	15	\$10 00	20	130 00	June 24, '06	Good	Good	Yes	Jointly
291	Walker	Acron	49	5	3	5	4	3	2	1	...	...	11	...	4	94 00	Dec. 27, '05	Fair	Fair	Yes	Jointly
321	Temple	Hamilton	231	23	14	20	18	20	3	2	...	...	48	\$85 00	45	130 00	Dec. 27, '05	Good	Good	Yes	Jointly
337	Waterdon	Milgrove	50	5	9	7	9	7	1	1	...	...	28	\$6 00	77	237 35	July 4, '06	Excellent	Very Bright	Yes	Jointly
382	Doric	Hamilton	271	28	...	27	27	...	3	5	...	...	61	\$190 45	34	104 20	Dec. 27, '05	Good	Fair	Yes	Jointly
400	Oakville	Oakville	126	...	3	1	1	...	...	...	...	...	31	\$25 00	84	...	Dec. 27, '05	Good	Fair	Yes	Jointly
U.D.	Dundurn	Hamilton	49	24	14	13	12	12	...	...	...	...	90	\$106 10	6	26 00	Dec. 27, '05	Excellent	Good	Yes	Jointly

GEORGIAN DISTRICT NO. 9.

To the Most Worshipful the Grand Master, Officers and Members of the Grand Lodge of A. F. & A. M. of Canada, in the Province of Ontario:

MOST WORSHIPFUL SIR AND BRETHREN:

I have the honor of submitting the annual report of the condition of Masonry in No. 9 District. It is with much pleasure that I report the district, as a whole, is in splendid shape, the various lodges keeping up their work in the true Masonic spirit and generally showing a desire to admit none but those who will do honor to the Craft.

There are now twenty-three lodges comprising the district, and it makes it difficult for the ordinary business man to cover the ground. Most of the lodges would rather the official visit be held on the regular meeting nights, and where so many perhaps hold their regular meetings on the same night it is impossible to meet the wishes of all, but the lodges most kindly acceded to my request for special meetings or I could not have visited half of them. In addition to the regular official visits I had the honor of representing the Grand Master in the dedication of Victoria Lodge, Victoria Harbor, on October 12th, 1905, and Tottenham Lodge, Tottenham, on October 20th, 1905, reports being duly forwarded to you thereafter.

I read to every lodge the notices issued by the Grand Master to the D. D. G. M's. and urged in every lodge the advisability of liberally subscribing to the Semi-Centennial Fund, and most of the lodges appeared to cheerfully acquiesce. Whether it will take effect the future will disclose.

I desire to thank No. 9 District for conferring on me the greatest honor that lay in their power to bestow, and by such a splendid vote, as to hearten me in my endeavors to carry out the duties imposed on me, which, if not carried out to the satisfaction of all, I trust that no action of mine will cast any reflection on the high office held by me during the term, and if at times I have felt that I was

devoting to Masonry hours which I should otherwise have given to my business interests I have felt amply rewarded by the high position and the universal kindness and courtesy accorded me. My thanks are due to Bro. C. T. Stephens, of Manito Lodge, No. 90, for his excellent services to me as District Secretary.

Remembering the instructions given at Grand Lodge to be as brief as possible in reports of the visits, I submit (reluctantly) a rather short statement of such, but which may perhaps answer the purpose. I submit herewith tabulated statement of the District.

Kerr Lodge, No. 230, Barrie: Visited this lodge November 24th. Splendid attendance of members, well equipped lodge. The E. A. degree was exemplified in a very able manner by W. Bro. Beacroft, who showed himself a good presiding officer, well supported by his officers, and the well earned reputation of Kerr Lodge is losing nothing in the hands of its present officers. A pleasing feature of the evening was the presentation of a very handsome and valuable loving cup to R. W. Bro. Morgan by the Barrie brethren on his departure for Deseronto. The presentation was made in an eloquent address by I. P. M. Rev. Dr. Whitten and V. W. Bro. Hallett, and responded to by the R. W. Bro. in a very feeling manner. The banquet was all one could desire, and the speeches and songs were such as to make one feel "sorry to part, happy to meet again."

Manito Lodge, No. 90, Collingwood: Visited Manito, my mother lodge, December 27th, 1905. No degree was conferred, but a deal of routine business transacted. I have so often seen the work of the W. M., W. Bro. A. H. Johnson (who is re-elected for a second term), and his officers, that I feel that they will bear a favorable comparison with any lodge in the district.

Minerva Lodge, No. 304, Stroud: Paid official visit March 20th, 1906. I was met and most hospitably entertained by R. W. Bro. Cowan at Barrie. After supper I was taken in charge by some of the Barrie brethren and driven to Stroud. W. Bro. W. B. Ardell and his officers conferred the F. C. degree in a manner that left little room for criticism. There was a good attendance, although a very severe night. A new lodge is in contemplation, but the brethren have decided to first accumulate funds for a new room in preference to running into debt.

Manitoba Lodge, No. 236, Cookstown: Visited March 21st, 1906. E. A. degree was well carried out by W. Bro. Sissons and his officers, and the lecture was well given by the Junior Warden. Attendance not very large owing to absence from home of many members and a bad night. A very pleasant time was afterwards spent at the refreshment table.

Tottenham Lodge, Tottenham: Visited March 26th, 1906. Small number present owing to bad weather. E. A. degree fairly well worked by the W. M., W. Bro. J. McCabe and his officers, Bro. Potter, an energetic officer, acting as Senior Warden. The lecture was well given by Bro. Fraser, J. W., and though few in number at the banquet afterwards there were enthusiastic responses to the usual toasts. Bro. D. G. Livingstone, one of the charter members, was desirous of having his name on charter as a charter member; he signed on one petition, but not on the duplicate. He is an enthusiastic member, and feels aggrieved at the omission, through no fault of his.

Spry Lodge, No. 385, Beeton: Visited March 27th, 1906. Good attendance, although a dirty night and roads bad. F. C. degree was conferred in an able manner by W. Bro. Mills, the W. M., and his officers. Lecture well given by S. W. At the close of the work (at the request of the brethren) I presented W. Bro. A. W. Macdonald with a P. M. jewel as a token of esteem from his brethren. He replied in a very feeling manner.

Seven Star Lodge, No. 285, Alliston: Visited March 28th, 1906. Very good attendance. E. A. degree conferred in an excellent manner by the W. M., W. Bro. H. Norris, and his officers, and the lecture was well delivered by the J. W. Their valued Secretary, V. W. Bro. H. W. Wright, was so ill as to be unable to attend. At the close the brethren sat down to an excellent repast and were entertained by the pleasant and humorous speeches of Bros. Fisher, Wallace and others.

Nitetis Lodge, No. 444, Creemore: Visited March 29th, 1906. Splendid attendance. Excellently furnished lodge, and well laid out ante-room. Saw nothing whatever of the W. M., who, I was informed, had an engagement elsewhere for that evening. His place, however, was well taken by W. Bro. Joseph Hood, who conferred the M. M. degree in a very touching and feeling

manner, ably supported by his officers. At the close the lodge adjourned to a sumptuous feast, after which the brethren showed themselves to be adepts in speech making and songs.

Prince Arthur Lodge, No. 333, Flesherton. Visited April 10th, 1906. Fair attendance, taking weather into consideration, dark night and roads bad to travel. M. M. degree conferred in an able manner by W. M., W. Bro. John Wright, and his officers. After close of lodge repaired to ante-room, where the wives of the brethren had prepared a very tasty repast for us, and had evidently made preparations for a much larger attendance, after which the time passed pleasantly in listening to the excellent remarks of W. Bros. Richards, VanDucen and others.

St. George Lodge, No. 88, and North Star Lodge, No. 322, Owen Sound: Visited April 11th, 1906. Both these lodges kindly consented to a joint meeting in their very large and beautifully furnished room, which was filled to its utmost capacity. The E. A. degree was conferred in an excellent manner by the W. M., W. Bro. J. A. Richardson, of North Star lodge, and his officers, and am doubtful if the work done by them could be excelled, and which was greatly enhanced by the assistance of their Masonic choir, among whom were some splendid voices. The J. W.'s lecture was well delivered. The M. M. degree was exemplified in a very able manner by the W. M., W. Bro. Little, and officers of St. George's lodge, and its impressiveness was added to by the same well trained singers. At the close of the lodges the brethren repaired to the large dining hall, where all enjoyed the feast set before them, after which there were some excellent speeches by the Masters of the two lodges, R. W. Bro. McKnight, W. Bro. W. H. Wright and others, and some splendid songs rendered by some of the gifted brethren of the choir.

Dundalk Lodge, No. 449, Dundalk: Visited April 12th, 1906. Not a very large attendance owing to dark night and bad state of the roads, but those present were enthusiastic members. The M. M. degree was conferred in an excellent manner by the W. M., W. Bro. R. D. Armstrong and his officers, and though, comparatively speaking, a young lodge, their prospects are bright, and they possess a painstaking member in their Secretary, Bro.

Mountcastle. At the close an excellent repast was indulged in, the usual toasts given and responded to briefly. This being the third night in succession I had indulged in somewhat late hours, the brethren took compassion and let me off comparatively early.

Coronation Lodge, No. 446, Elmvale: Visited April 23rd, 1906. Good attendance. F. C. degree conferred in an excellent manner by W. Bro. W. A. Sneath, the W. M., and his officers. This is a comparatively young lodge, but its prospects seem bright and its officers capable and enthusiastic. The usual repast and toasts were indulged in and were enjoyed by all.

Georgian Lodge, No. 348, Penetanguishene: Visited April 24th, 1906. Good attendance of members. F. C. degree well conferred by the W. M., W. Bro. Geo. Robinson, and his officers, who were all present with the exception of the S. D. After closing the brethren sat down to a well furnished table. The usual toasts were given and responded to in a suitable manner, with some excellent remarks from the W. M., W. Bro. Hewson, I. P. M., W. Bro. Wright and Rev. Bro. Gibbons and others, with some splendidly rendered songs from the W. M., who possesses a fine voice and knows how to use it, and who most kindly, the following day, devoted a deal of his time in driving me around to the chief points of interest in Penetanguishene.

Caledonia Lodge, No. 249, Midland: Visited April 25th, 1906. Good attendance of members. M. M. degree conferred in an excellent manner by W. Bro. W. E. Montgomery, the W. M., a young and enthusiastic brother, ably supported by his officers. Well furnished lodge room and a well got up ante-room for refreshments and other social purposes, where an excellent supper was prepared for those present, after which the usual toasts were given and responded to in some able speeches by the very capable P. M's and brethren, and an excellent orchestra added greatly to the evening's entertainment.

Corinthian Lodge, No. 96, Barrie: Visited May 3rd, 1906. Splendid attendance. M. M. degree conferred by W. Bro. Donald Ross, the W. M., and his officers in such a manner as to leave no room for criticism. After closing the lodge adjourned to the banquet room. After supper the usual toasts were given and responded to by clever and capable brethren, amongst them W. Bro. Ross, W. Bros. Cowan, Rev. Dr. Whitten and Irwin. They

also possess some brethren with great musical talent, which added greatly to the entertainment. There were quite a few visitors from other lodges, W. Bro. Ardell and a number of brethren from Stroud being in evidence. The Barrie lodges undoubtedly possess many clever and capable brethren.

Beaver Lodge, No. 234, Clarksburg: Visited May 8th, 1906. Good attendance of members. The W. M., W. Bro. Kent, was called away, at the last minute on professional duties which he could not avoid. The M. M. degree was well conferred by a P. M., W. Bro. Rodgers, and his officers. This is a good lodge, and nothing is to be feared in Masonry when they possess such staunch members as R. W. Bros. Kent, Pye, V. W. Bro. Dickenson, R. W. Bro. Pedwell and others. The fourth degree was thoroughly appreciated, after which a most pleasant time was spent in speech and song.

Pythagoras Lodge, No. 137, Meaford: Visited May 11th, 1906. Good attendance. E. A. degree was conferred by the W. M., W. Bro. Finlay, and his officers, and the lecture well rendered by the J. W. The lodge is to be congratulated in possessing such an energetic brother as V. W. Bro. F. A. Clark, whom I regard as the mainspring of the lodge. The brethren know well how to entertain, and after supper an enjoyable time was spent in matters pertaining to Masonry in general.

Orillia Lodge, No. 192, Orillia: Visited May 18th, 1906. This is the lodge of my worthy brother and predecessor, R. W. Bro. Wakefield. The E. A. degree was conferred by the W. M., W. Bro. Tudrope, and his officers in a manner such as I expected from a lodge having such a reputation, and they are adepts in matters of entertainment, a most enjoyable time being spent and enthusiastic responses made to the usual toasts by R. W. Bro. Wakefield and others.

Simcoe Lodge, No. 79, Bradford: Visited May 25th, 1906. Fair attendance, considering the night and the state of the roads, wet and dirty weather. The E. A. degree was well exemplified by W. Bro. D. E. Green, the W. M., and his officers, and the lecture well rendered by the J. W. At the close the brethren adjourned to refreshments and the usual toasts and responses were given. The lodge is fortunate in possessing as Secretary W. Bro. A. E. Scanlon.

brethren were hospitable and speeches, W. Bro. appropriate remarks. mind that from the scandalous bad influence at work, I should be, in consequence, be a sufferer.

Lorne Lodge, No. 377 not visit, as unfortunately, at the outset, to arrange agreeable. The Master favored to have me pay my from pressure of business.

Victoria Lodge, Victoria did not pay an official visit who was himself unable to visited this lodge previous lodge was in good shape.

Finally I must congratulate often unremunerated brethren the lodges in the district carry out the many duties is little doubt that the we pendent upon them. I find books, the work was well various treasurers.

Respectfully and f

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GRAND LODGE OF A. F. & A. M. OF CANADA IN THE PROVINCE OF ONTARIO.
Table showing the work done in Georgian District, No. 9, from June 24th, 1905, to June 24th, 1906.

NAME OF LODGE.	MEMBERSHIP.			DEGREES CONF'D.			AFFILIATIONS.	RESTORATIONS.	RESIGNATIONS.	SUSPENSIONS, N. P. D.	DISCIPLINES, OTHER CAUSES.	DECEASED.	REGULAR.	EMERGENCY.	TOTAL.	AVERAGE ATTENDANCE OF MEMBERS.	AMOUNT PAID FOR RELIEF.	NO. OF MEMBERS 12 MONTHS IN ARREARS.	TOTAL OF ALL ARREARAGES.	DATE OF LAST G. L. RETURN.	FINANCIAL STANDING.	PROSPECTS OF LODGE.	GEN. W. M. WORK ALL DEGREES.	INSURANCE.
	TOTAL NO. OF ALL MEM.	INCREASE DURING YEAR.	DECREASE DURING YEAR.	F. A.	F. G.	M. M.																		
Manitoba..	57	8	3	3	4	6	1	1	1	1	1	1	13	8	16	17	...	...	...	Dec. 31, '05	Good	Good	Yes	\$ 300 00
Beaver ...	71	5	9	5	3	5	1	1	1	1	1	1	13	1	14	24	...	...	...	Dec. 27, '05	Good	Good	Yes	300 00
Nitella ...	60	10	...	3	10	10	1	1	1	1	1	1	13	3	15	17	...	...	...	Dec. 27, '05	Good	Good	Yes	200 00
Simcoe ...	69	4	5	3	10	11	1	1	1	1	1	1	18	2	10	30	...	...	...	Dec. 27, '05	Good	Good	Yes	400 00
Coronation	55	13	1	12	13	11	1	1	1	1	1	1	13	8	30	25	...	...	...	Dec. 27, '05	Good	Good	Yes	500 00
Lorne.....	66	2	...	7	5	4	1	1	1	1	1	1	13	2	15	17	...	...	...	Jan. 06, '06	Good	Good	Yes	500 00
Shelburne...	55	11	...	11	10	9	...	1	1	1	1	1	13	2	15	25	...	...	...	Dec. 27, '05	Good	Good	Yes	200 00
Stroud ...	28	...	3	3	4	4	1	1	1	1	1	1	13	1	8	9	...	...	...	Dec. 27, '05	Fair	Fair	Yes	400 00
Stayner ...	60	3	3	3	4	4	1	1	1	1	1	1	13	1	14	18	...	...	...	Mar. 1, 1906	Fair	Fair	Yes	400 00
Beeton ...	109	11	...	10	5	3	1	1	1	1	1	1	13	5	18	40	...	...	...	June 24, '05	Good	Good	Yes	500 00
Pythagoras	26	7	3	6	6	7	1	1	1	1	1	1	13	3	15	15	...	...	...	Dec. 27, '05	Good	Good	Yes	300 00
Dundalk....	37	5	...	5	1	4	...	...	...	...	...	...	13	9	16	15	...	...	...	June, 1905	Good	Good	Yes	120 00
Tottenham	155	13	...	12	11	12	4	...	...	...	...	...	13	4	17	37	...	...	...	Dec. 27, '05	Good	Good	Yes	120 00
Owen Sound ..	62	4	4	4	4	3	...	...	...	...	...	...	13	1	13	13	...	...	...	June 24, '05	Good	Good	No	1 00 00
Fraserston ...	105	6	4	3	4	4	...	...	...	...	...	...	13	1	13	13	...	...	...	June 25, '05	Good	Good	Yes	1250 00
Barrie ...	173	8	...	9	10	7	2	...	...	...	...	...	13	1	13	13	...	...	...	Jan. 24, '06	Excellent	Excellent	Yes	600 00
Barrie ...	157	7	16	7	4	6	...	...	...	...	...	...	13	1	13	13	...	...	...	Dec. 27, '05	Good	Good	Yes	1000 00
Owen Sound ..	76	10	2	9	9	6	1	...	...	...	...	...	13	1	13	13	...	...	...	July 2, '05	Good	Good	Yes	100 00
Alliston...	134	1	10	6	7	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	13	1	13	13	...	...	...	Dec. 27, '05	Good	Good	Yes	300 00
Midland...	53	7	...	9	9	8	1	...	...	...	...	...	13	1	13	13	...	...	...	June 8, '05	Good	Good	Yes	500 00
Pen'tang'shene	153	3	...	10	5	6	3	1	...	...	...	...	13	1	13	13	...	...	...	Dec. 27, '05	Good	Good	Yes	500 00
Collingwood ..	55	10	...	9	7	5	13	1	13	13	Dec. 19, '05	Good	Good	Yes	350 00
Victoria....	140	4	...	15	17	10	1	13	1	13	13	July 2, '06	Good	Good	Yes	1500 00
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cated the lodge on that date, and in this I was nobly and ably assisted by W. Bros. J. P. Wilson and Rev. Dr. Johnson, of Copestone Lodge; Murray, of St. Mark's; Leubsdorf, of Maple Leaf, and Bald and Hoover, of Mountain Lodge, and many other visiting brethren from American and other lodges.

King Solomon Lodge, No. 329, Jarvis: I visited this lodge on November 10, 1905. The attendance was good and work well done. W. Bro. Jaques, P. D. D. G. M., and W. Bro. Noble were present and gave material assistance. Ample accommodation in lodge and ante-rooms, and rooms are well furnished. Lodge is progressive.

St. John's Lodge, No. 35, Cayuga: My official visit to this lodge was made on November 16th, 1905. R. W. Bro. J. Hoshal took me in hand at once and introduced me to the lodge in his usual able and happy manner and made an excellent Masonic speech. Bro. Hoshal is an enthusiastic Mason. Attendance good, including visitors from other lodges. Bro. Rev. Leslie Howard, Chaplain, gave a nice address. All the appointments of this lodge are good.

Amity Lodge, No. 32, Dunnville: I visited this lodge on December 27th, 1905. This lodge has a very large membership and is progressive, containing as it does some very old and enthusiastic Masons. My welcome here was very hearty indeed, and amongst other veterans I was pleased to meet R. W. Bro. Tipton. Unfortunately, on account of sickness in his family, his stay with us was very short. Needless to say, the work here was of the highest order. Splendid social entertainment after close of lodge.

Palmer Lodge, No. 372, Bridgeburg: I visited this lodge on January 16th, 1906. Attendance fair, including visiting brethren from Pnyx, No. 312, Wallaceburg; Occidental, No. 766, Buffalo; St. John's, No. 35, Cayuga; St. John's, No. 40, Hamilton, and Clifton, No. 254, Niagara Falls. Work done by W. Bro. F. T. Pattison in a most satisfactory manner. All appointments good. Banquet afterwards.

Copestone Lodge, No. 373, Welland: Visited this lodge on February 1st, 1906. Attendance large; work most satisfactorily done. Visitors from other lodges present. Here I met an old friend and enthusiastic

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Enniskillen Lodge, No.
on June 15th 1896

lodge shows signs of progress and enthusiasm. Lodge owns the lodge room and it is free from debt. All appurtenances and appointments good. No debts of any kind. Work well done by enthusiastic Masons. Prospects bright indeed.

Dufferin Lodge, No. 338, Wellandport: I visited this lodge on May 1st, 1906. Lodge owns lodge room and it is free from debt, and it is well fitted up and reflects much credit on the members. Appointments good. No arrears of dues. Work well and accurately done.

McNab Lodge, No. 169, Port Colborne: Visited this lodge on April 4th, 1906. Work in the third degree creditably done. Attendance over 40, including many P. M's. Lodge room in fair condition. Appointments fair. Books well kept. Semi-Centennial Fund fully paid up. After close of lodge plenty of speeches, song and story.

Maple Leaf Lodge, No. 103, St. Catharines: My official visit to this lodge was made on March 29th, 1906. The work done was in the second degree. Visitors present: the M. W. the Grand Master and the Deputy Grand Master, R. W. Bros. Robertson, W. J. Johnston, C. H. Connor, W. J. Drope, R. G. W. Conolly, W. F. Bald, R. G. Hoover, L. Yale and the Worshipful Masters of St. Mark's No. 105, Niagara No. 2, Mountain No. 221, Myrtle No. 337, St. George No. 15, Temple No. 296, and the S. W. of Clifton No. 254; also Past Masters, officers and members from practically every lodge in the district. Bro. Leubsdorf was also present and took an active part in the work, as well as in the entertainment of the distinguished visiting brethren. Appointments and finances in excellent shape. Banquet as usual was on a grand scale, over 450 in attendance, and the speeches and addresses were excellent and suited to the occasion.

Temple Lodge, No. 296, St. Catharines: I visited this lodge officially on March 28th, 1906. Was introduced to the lodge by R. W. Bro. Robertson and W. Bro. McIntyre. Candidate initiated, after which I addressed the brethren present on the Grand Lodge messages re Masonic clothing, public functions, and Semi-Centennial Fund. Visitors present from Maple Leaf, St. George and Mountain lodges, and from England, Scotland, Port Dalhousie, Peterboro and Hagersville. Work well and impressively done. Refreshments after close of lodge in lunch room.

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Myrtle Lodge, No. 337
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February 8th, 1906. Forty out of 85 members present, including 12 Past Masters and R. W. Bros. Drope and Forbes and W. Bro. Harrison. Our initiation music and appointments all that could be desired. Dues well paid. Lodge free of debt. Semi-Centennial Fund in hands of committee. Four applications read. Past Masters help in work. Everything in good shape.

Ivy Lodge, No. 115, Beamsville: I visited this lodge on June 5th, 1906. Large attendance. Visitors from Wentworth Lodge, No. 166, and Union Lodge, No. 7. Received by W. Bro. F. S. Prudholme. Lodge opened in second degree and member raised to the Fellowcraft degree. D. D. G. M. W. B. Robertson addressed the lodge, giving message from Grand Lodge. Excellent banquet followed.

Again I wish to thank the brethren for all favors received during my official visits, and hope and bespeak for my successor the same kindly treatment that has been accorded to me.

All of which is fraternally submitted.

ROBT. McDONALD, M. D., D. D. G. M.,
Niagara District No. 10.

GRAND LODGE OF A. F. & A. M. OF CANADA IN THE PROVINCE OF ONTARIO
 Showing the work done in Niagara District, No. 10, from June 24th, 1905, to June 24th, 1906.

Total No. of all Mem.		Increase during year.		Decrease during year.		E. A.		F. C.		M. M.		Affiliations.		Restorations.		Resignations.		Suspensions, N. P. D.		Suspensions, other causes.		Deceased.		Regular.		Emergent.		Total.		Average attendance of members.		Amount paid for relief.		No. of members 12 months in arrears.		Total of all Arrearages.		Due of last G. L. Return.		Special Standing.	
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TORONTO WEST DISTRICT NO. 11.

*To the Most Worshipful the Grand Master, Officers and
Members of the Grand Lodge of A. F. & A. M. of
Canada, in the Province of Ontario:*

MOST WORSHIPFUL SIR AND BRETHREN:

In order to complete my duties as your representative in Toronto West District, No. 11, I submit herewith my report on the condition of Masonry for the past year. At the outset I wish to convey my sincere thanks to the brethren for the honor they conferred upon me in electing me unanimously to the high and honorable position of D. D. G. M. I must say that I entered upon the duties with some misgivings, at the same time knowing full well that the desire of my heart was to do my duty to the utmost of my ability. In so doing I have had the generous and individual support of the brethren throughout the whole district, and to all of them I am indeed grateful. I cannot pass further without at the outset appreciating the satisfaction which I have experienced by reason of the splendid work done by my predecessor in office, R. W. Bro. E. J. B. Duncan, who left the district in a most healthy and prosperous condition in every respect. R. W. Bro. Duncan is also to be thanked for his kindness in assisting me with his careful and learned advice at all times, and I also desire to express my gratitude to M. W. Bro. E. T. Malone, R. W. Bro. Aubrey White, R. W. Bro. Geo. Tait and W. Bro. W. H. Shaw, District Secretary, and others, for their assistance and words of counsel.

Desiring to fill my office with every satisfaction possible I required the assistance of an able District Secretary, and feel that in selecting W. Bro. W. H. Shaw, a Past Master of Harmony Lodge, No. 438, for that position I made no mistake, for with his time so fully occupied as Chairman of the Board of Education of the City of Toronto and otherwise, he has been most assiduous in his efforts to meet all requirements of that position.

Sympathy for those in need compels me to first speak

of the question of relief throughout the jurisdiction comprised in the Masonic district over which I have had the distinguished honor to preside. The worthy object of relief promulgated by M. W. Bro. Judge Harding in the name of the Semi-Centennial Benevolent Fund I will deal with later in this, my message to Grand Lodge, but I desire at this juncture to say, from my study of past reports, that the individual lodges in the district have never done more in the matter of relief than during the present year. Aside from the question of the Semi-Centennial Benevolent Fund, there has been nearly \$2,000.00 contributed towards benevolence, which to my mind speaks well for the true Masonic spirit of relief that prevails among the brethren. I trust this progress may continue, as with all the beauties of Masonry there is none so necessary to uphold as Masonic relief.

Associated with my good R. W. Bro. F. W. Harcourt, D. D. G. M. of Toronto East District, No. 11a, a dispensation was obtained for a Masonic service to be held in St. James Cathedral, Toronto, on the afternoon of the day of the festival of St. John the Baptist, June 24th, 1906, when some one thousand or more Masons listened to a splendid sermon by the Rev. Bro. Professor William Clark, of Trinity College, Toronto. A similar dispensation was granted to River Park Lodge, Streetsville, for the same date, visiting brethren from Ionic Lodge, Brampton and other places being in attendance. The church was crowded to its utmost capacity, the preacher on the occasion being Rev. Bro. C. H. Rich, I. P. M. of River Park Lodge.

Recently it was brought to the notice of the M. W. the Grand Master that a number of the worshipful brethren and Past Masters throughout my Masonic district were unintentionally appearing at lodges and other Masonic functions dressed in regalia unmasonic or contrary to the Constitution of our Order, and to fulfil the duty cast upon me as D. D. G. M., and at the request and direction of the M. W. the Grand Master, I was necessarily compelled to make mention of this important matter at a number of the meetings of lodges held particularly in my own district in Toronto, and am glad to report that at the time of presenting this message the practice has become extinct.

One of my first official duties, at the request of the Most Worshipful the Grand Master, was to constitute

and consecrate Peel Lodge, No. 468, Caledon East, at which I was ably assisted by R.W. Bro. Irvine, of Orangeville, R. W. Bro. Crystal, of Beeton, and a number of qualified brethren from all parts of the district, including Toronto, I conducted that most pleasant and profitable function, and at the close installed their officers in due form, full particulars of which will be found recorded in the Grand Lodge report.

I have been privileged to visit with the Most Worshipful the Grand Master on three or four occasions, and his earnest and eloquent words on the subject of benevolence and the Semi-Centennial Benevolent Fund must have reached the hearts of his hearers to awaken renewed interest. At nearly all my official visits I have addressed the brethren on the subject of the S. C. B. Fund and have endeavored in every way possible to promote more interest in this excellent project, and while the brethren have not all contributed, yet a large number have done so, and I believe that in time nearly all will do their duty. To my mind it may be necessary to extend the time limit for collection beyond the three years. If this is thought advisable, from my experience in this district, I believe that the desired amount will eventually be forthcoming.

In making my visits I noticed with a great deal of pleasure the invariably good attendance of the Past Masters, who, by their presence, aid so materially in keeping up the zeal and energy of the younger members as well as assisting, by their advice and experience, in administering the affairs of the lodge. The year has been marked by a fair degree of prosperity. In this district 334 candidates have been initiated, but unfortunately 29 deaths have occurred and 33 brethren have been suspended for N. P. D. This leaves a net increase of 272.

I may say that there are no unthrifty or degenerate lodges in the district. Surroundings have conspired to make some better than ours, but all are making the best showing possible, i. e., the best that present circumstances will permit of. The true Masonic spirit of character building, developing the rough ashlar into a perfect for the Master's use, is served just as satisfactorily in the country as in the city lodge.

I find throughout the whole of this territory perfect harmony, and I am most grateful to report that nothing has occurred throughout the lodges of my district to mar

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R. W. Bro. F. W. Harcourt
District No. 11a, and my
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by W. Bro. R. F. Segsworth
Wilson Lodge, No. 86, Grand
degree by W. Bro. John
the officers of Beaches Lodge
third degree by W. Bro. K
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ing their best work. If the officers' year ended concurrent with the annual meeting of the Grand Lodge the installations would then take place in June, the work throughout would be more satisfactory and much good would be accomplished. The work of each Master could begin and end with the Grand Lodge year and the work of new officers would practically begin in September, as but few lodges meet during the months of July and August. The advantage to the D. D. G. M. would also be very great, as he would then have a full year to make his official visits, whereas now nearly all the work must be accomplished in about five months.

THE FRATERNAL DEAD.

I regret to report that eleven of our lodges have been visited by deaths during the year and 29 of our brethren have been summoned to that sublunary abode where the Great Architect of the Universe reigns for ever and ever. The reports received are as follows:

King Solomon, No. 22.—W. Bro. Frank Maile, Bro. Patrick Langton and Bro. Geo. Ball.

Rehoboam, No. 65.—Bro. Edward Predam and Bro. J. B. Robinson.

Wilson, No. 86.—R. W. Bro. Geo. C. Patterson, Bro. J. G. Gibson, Bro. S. Meadows, Bro. Frederick Y. Clarke, Bro. William Hanknammer and Bro. R. H. C. Crean.

Ionic, No. 229.—Bro. John Cockburn Brown and Bro. Henry Burnett.

Ashlar, No. 247.—Bro. W. N. Crone and Bro. J. R. C. Fulton.

Patterson, No. 265.—Bro. William Eadie.

Zetland, No. 326.—V. W. Bro. James Wilson.

Mimico, No. 369.—Bro. A. Franklin.

Alpha, No. 384.—Bro. George L. McBurney, Bro. Samuel Levy and Bro. Frederick G. Steinberger.

Stanley, No. 426.—W. Bro. John Colvin and Bro. Wm. Hinde.

Harmony, No. 438.—Bro. Edward Beumann, Bro. Thomas Muir, Bro. Frank M. Kerins, V. W. Bro. Wm. Walker, Bro. Robert Fair.

Victoria, U. D.—Bro. William Hynes.

R. W. Bro. Geo. C. Patterson was a member of and reported by Rehoboam, Harmony, Zetland and Wilson lodges.

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my last official visit, and the reputation of this lodge is so well known throughout the district for good work and for its capabilities in entertaining visitors that arrangements had been made for a large party of present and past Grand Lodge officers and prominent brethren in connection with the craft in Toronto to accompany me, but, owing to a very recent bereavement in the home of W Bro. James B. McLean, W. M., I cancelled the invitation. W. Bro. R. F. Segsworth, I. P. M., of Wilson, my mother lodge, accompanied me. There was, however, a good attendance of members and visitors, the following Past Masters of the lodge being present: W. Bro. J. A. McDonald, J. T. Saigeon, R. M. Hawden, L. Richardson, J. Kaiser, N. Shunk, D. Johnston, Thomas Cousins and J. H. Kirby. The lodge was also favored with the presence of R. W. Bros. H. A. Nicholls, P. D. D. G. M.; W. Bro. D. Hill, W. M. of Richmond Lodge; W. Bro. Amos Maynard, W. M. of Blackwood Lodge, accompanied by many of their Past Masters, officers and members, also W. Bros. Wilson Wilby and Alex. J. Anderson, Past Masters of Humber and Stanley lodges respectively. It had been my privilege prior to this visit to witness the work exemplified by the present W. M. and officers of this lodge, and I had hardly on this occasion expected to meet with W. Bro. McLean in the lodge room, as he had been detained at a sick bed for the two weeks previous, but his deep sense of duty, notwithstanding the terrible strain under which he had been laboring, compelled him to take his place as usual. The lodge opened and closed in the three degrees and a candidate examined as to his proficiency in the degrees, and the work was done in a manner almost faultless, and I have no conscientious scruples in reporting that the present officers of this lodge can perform the work in the three degrees in a manner seldom excelled. The brethren own their lodge room; might be said to be wealthy; have \$1,800.00 insurance on building and contents. The membership of this lodge is now 40, being an increase of but two for the year. For years it has not been increasing very rapidly, but the quality of the candidates introduced cannot be questioned. W. Bro. Leeds Richardson, the genial and very capable Secretary, is a Past Master of long standing. He is very devoted to the duties of his office. He reports but eight brethren twelve months in arrears for dues, and the

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total of all arrearages being \$130.00. W. Bro. George H. Mitchell is Secretary, and my experience is that he attends to his duties promptly, his books and records are models of neatness and unexcelled in this district. Financially the lodge occupies a position well up in the front rank. While it has not as yet contributed largely to the S. C. B. Fund, its donations for special objects of relief for the year amount to the large sum of \$598.70. The proceedings at the festive board were most enjoyable. The speeches were good and a first-class musical program was presented, presided over by W. Bro. Mitchell, who, by the way, is the author of the beautiful musical service used by this lodge. I had previously visited this lodge on the 2nd of November, the occasion being a reception to M. W. Bro. James H. Burritt, K. C., and the annual reunion of Past Masters. Among the visitors were the M. W. the Grand Master; R. W. Bro. Fred. W. Harcourt, D. D. G. M. Toronto District No. 112; R. W. Bros. Aubrey White and W. D. McPherson, P. D. D. G. M's; R. W. Bro. H. T. White, G. J. W.; V. W. Bro. H. T. Smith, G. J. D. The Grand Master was received by W. Bro. R. C. Harris, W. M., and Rehoboam choir welcomed him with musical honors. During the evening W. Bro. Daniel McDonald presented to the lodge a portrait of the late V. W. Bro. E. F. Clarke, M. P., who was a Past Master of Rehoboam of many years standing; the name of the donor was not disclosed. W. Bro. C. H. Mortimer occupied the chair at the reunion of Past Masters, the other chairs being ably filled by the well known P. M's of this lodge. The Grand Master spoke at some length regarding the S. C. B. Fund, explaining its objects and the duty of every brother regarding same. I shall not attempt to enlarge upon the importance of this gathering, but it was certainly one of the best of the year.

Wilson Lodge, No. 86, Toronto: W. Bro. W. P. Thomson, W. M. The third Tuesday in the month being the regular meeting night of four of the lodges in my district, and the installation of the W. M. in each taking place in December, I was not privileged to meet with the brethren of this, my mother lodge, as regularly as I wished, or as hitherto been my custom, and not for purposes of inspection till the regular meeting on Tuesday, the 15th day of May. The pleasure of my visit on this occasion was enhanced by the company of R. W. Bro. F.

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W. Bro. H. T. Smith, G. J. D.; V. W. Bro. Thomas W. Barber, G. D. of C.; V. W. Bro. H. A. Taylor, also W. Bros. A. E. Hagerman, J. Webber Payne, R. E. Port and H. R. Tudhope, W. M's of St. Andrew's, Rehoboam, Alpha and Orillia lodges respectively, accompanied by many Past Masters and brethren. This lodge has contributed so far \$440.00 to the S. S. B. Fund, over \$100.00 more is subscribed, and I have no doubt that the amount asked from each and every member will be in the hands of the Grand Secretary within the next year. The success of collecting the amount for this worthy object is largely due to the personal efforts of W. Bro. R. F. Segsworth and Bro. R. W. Parkinson, the popular J. S. of the lodge. This lodge is strong financially, and its present position is to a great extent due to the carefulness of the Worshipful Masters who have presided over its destinies in the past. Previous reports show that its contributions to benevolence have always been liberal. This year \$119 has been expended. The brethren are much attached and very lenient towards each other, and in this lurks the weakest spot of the lodge. It bears the unenviable reputation of having more brethren in arrears for dues and more dues owing than any other lodge in the district. Its standing in this respect is as follows: Membership, 255; number of members 12 months in arrears for dues, 41; total of all arrearages, \$650.00. I called the attention of the brethren to this fact on the occasion of my visit, and W. Bro. W. P. Thomson, who is a most efficient and energetic W. M., has personally promised me that in this respect the statement of the lodge will present an entirely different aspect at the next December meeting. The lodge also tendered me a most hearty reception and presented me with a beautifully illuminated address on the evening of the 19th of September. About two hundred and fifty brethren were present. I was brought into the lodge between two Scots, W. Bros. George Moir and Geo. McLeish, the latter presenting me to the lodge in a most happy manner, and W. Bro. Segsworth, W. M., did his part in his usual good style. We were honored by the presence of M. W. Bro. E. T. Malone, Grand Treasurer; R. W. Bro. F. W. Harcourt, D. D. G. M. Toronto East District No. 11a; R. W. Bro. J. W. Watson, D. D. G. M. Ontario District No. 12; R. W. Bros. T. J. B. Duncan, Aubrey White, Dr. A. F. Webster, Harry A. Collins,

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True Blue Lodge, No. 98, Bolton: W. Bro. J. J. Hill, W. M. I visited this lodge officially on December 15th, accompanied by W. Bro. A. J. Anderson, P. M. Stanley lodge, Toronto Junction, and three brethren, members of the lodge who reside in Toronto. This lodge seemed to have experienced difficulty in getting enough members present at any one time to form a quorum prior to the evening of my visit, but since then six meetings have been held, five candidates have been initiated, three brethren restored to membership, and two brethren have affiliated. To offset this prosperity nine dimitts have been granted and one brother suspended for N. P. D. Most of these demitted were charter members of Peel Lodge, No. 468, Caledon East. The third degree was exemplified for my inspection in a fairly creditable manner, considering that this was the first time the work had been performed by the W. M. The candidate, Bro. Dr. Arthur Evans Snell, was exceptionally clever, and it is the lodge's misfortune that he is now resident in Toronto. It is a very especial pleasure to meet in this lodge W. Bro. A. E. Bolton, its Secretary. He and W. Bro. F. N. Leavens, Treasurer, are its standbys. In addition to the foregoing named Past Masters W. Bros. R. Roberts, G. Norton and Dr. W. T. Hackett were present. The lodge building is of brick, owned by the brethren, free from debt, and there is no more attractive home in this district. Only \$6.50 have so far been contributed to the S. C. B. Fund, and I am informed more will be sent in in the near future. True Blue has suffered on account of the formation of Tottenham Lodge and Peel Lodge at Caledon East, but as it has yet a number of estimable and enthusiastic brethren I have no fear for its future.

Union Lodge, No. 118, Schomberg: W. Bro. Francis Attridge, W. M. I visited this lodge on the evening of the 5th day of February, accompanied by R. W. Bro. J. T. Francis, P. D. D. G. M. of this district, and Bro. J. M. W. Cousins, J. W. of Patterson Lodge, Thornhill, and, notwithstanding the fact that the temperature was 18 degrees below zero and the roads in bad condition, four-fifths of the total membership of the lodge were present, as well as a few visitors. The Fellow Craft degree was exemplified for my inspection in a creditable manner. The J. W., Matthew Brandon, gave the final charge from R. of C. in a manner scarcely excelled. This lodge is

count. The assembly recently carved furniture, and the lodge. Many curios which is a framed picture worth, lady Freemason. the original in possession Cork. The lady was a daughter born in the year 1695, and after the work of the evening enjoyable.

York Lodge, No. 156, in Douglas, W. M. I made lodge on the 18th of May, 1881. W. Bro. R. F. Seagrath, Past Masters, and Secretary of the lodge. I was introduced and accompanied by V. W. Bro. Warts of this old lodge. The attendance of members and twelve including R. W. Bro. John district. I was pleased to meet W. Bro. Dr. R. R. Hopkins, Bros. Curran Morrison and G. M's of this district, and W. M. of St. Andrew's Lodge, Bailey, W. M. of Ashlar lodge, Sheppard, W. M. of Victoria Junction, and many others. The degree was exemplified in an hour by W. Bro. Douglas and his officers.

reinstatements in lodges having concurrent jurisdiction. I also had the pleasure of visiting this lodge on the evening of October 20th, when a presentation was made to R. W. Bro. John Fisher of an oil portrait of himself. Among the prominent brethren present were M. W. Bros. E. T. Malone and Benjamin Allen, R. W. Bro. H. T. White, G. J. W., R. W. Bro. Aubrey White and R. W. Bro. A. F. Webster, P. D. D. G. M's. The presentation was made by M. W. Bro. Allen, who gave an outline of R. W. Bro. Fisher's record in the Masonic fraternity. Bro. Fisher accepted the gift and at once handed the portrait over to W. Bro. Will S. Dalby, the W. M., to be kept by the lodge. It now adorns the walls of the lodge room. Bro. Fisher was initiated in 1863 at the first meeting after the formation of the lodge at Eglinton. It is thought that he holds the record as Installing Master for the Dominion, having installed the officers of his lodge for thirty-three years in succession. The brethren of York are good entertainers, and on the occasion of both of my visits excellent banquets were held in the Town Hall. This lodge has subscribed quite liberally to the S. C. B. Fund, and I am assured that more will yet be paid in.

Ionic Lodge, No. 229, Brampton: W. Bro. W. J. Fenton, W. M. I visited this lodge for the purpose of inspection on the evening of March 20th, that being their regular night of meeting, and was introduced by R. W. Bro. W. H. McFadden, K. C. I was accompanied by W. Bro. R. A. Farquharson, P. M. of Richmond Lodge. There was a good attendance of members, including the following Past Masters: R. W. Bro. W. H. McFadden, V. W. Bro. Adam Morton, V. W. Bro. Dr. J. G. Roberts, V. W. Bro. J. J. Manning, W. Bro. J. W. Main, W. Bro. C. Y. Moore, W. Bro. W. W. Woods and W. Bro. A. J. Hood. In no lodge in the district do I find a body of Past Masters more loyal to the W. M. One could not but be impressed by the unanimity of purpose which seems to permeate every one of them and all for the benefit of the lodge. Among the visitors were: W. Bro. John Gardhouse, W. M. of Humber Lodge, Weston, and W. Bro. Wilson Wilby, one of his Past Masters. The Master Mason degree was conferred in a manner I have seldom seen excelled, the work of nearly every officer being performed in such a manner as to show careful train-

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The total of all arrearages for dues is but \$17.00. W. Bro. Carley gives the Grand Lodge honors in a manner I have never seen excelled. The wives and lady friends of the members, as is their custom on occasions of this kind, provided a magnificent banquet, and the evening was to me one of pleasure and profit.

Ashlar Lodge, No. 247, Toronto: W. Bro. James D. Bailey, W. M. My visit of inspection was made to this lodge on the evening of their regular meeting, held on Tuesday, April 24th. This lodge has a reputation throughout the district, at least, for everything that is good. M. W. Bro. Benjamin Allen, our honored I. P. G. M., is "at home" in this lodge, and I was delighted with his presence on the occasion of my official visit. I was also pleased to meet my esteemed brethren, R. W. Bros. Aubrey White, A. F. Webster and Curran Morrison, P. D. L. G. M's of this district, and R. W. Bros. J. S. Dewar and J. A. McFadden, also V. W. Bros. Rev. Wm. Farncomb, John McKnight, R. W. Hill, and W. Bros. W. H. Best, Thomas Reid, G. S. Percy, W. S. Ziller and A. C. Fairweather, Past Masters. Among the visitors were: W. Bros. E. R. Dransfield and J. McP. Ross, W. M's of Zetland and Beaches lodges respectively, and J. B. McMurrich, I.P.M. of Star of the East lodge, Bothwell. The work of the evening consisted in the initiation of a candidate, which was well done, each officer doing his part. The Junior Warden's lecture was admirably delivered by Bro. John Shaw, the Junior Warden, and the work of the Junior Deacon was excellent and performed with military precision. The books of the Secretary, Bro. Louis Riggs, are well kept. He is assisted by W. Bro. W. H. Best. I look forward with much pleasure to Bro. Riggs' future career in Masonic circles. The musical accompaniment was also very fine and quite unique; the production of W. Bro. A. C. Fairweather, I. P. M. The membership of this lodge now numbers 298, being an increase of 15 during the year. The number of members 12 months in arrears for dues, 13, total of all arrearages being but \$131.50. The lodge is immensely wealthy. They have formed a company, purchased prominent property on Yonge street, and intend building a temple of their own at an early date. Perfect harmony prevails among the brethren and the prospects for the future could hardly be brighter.

BRO. James H. Burnitt, cordially greeted by a large number of them being: M. W. Bro. R. W. Bro. F. W. Harcourt, District No. 11a; R. W. Bro. Webster, E. J. B. Duncan, M's; R. W. Bro. George Eber, G. D. of C.; V. W. Bro. and the W. M's of many of the room presented a magnificent display, being lavishly decorated with trees in full bloom. The recipient of a beautifully illuminated diploma of the first degree was extended several Past Masters of the lodge in commenting on the work done." The entertainment and the board were characteristic of the lodge that is saying enough. The brethren mentioned were far from the only ones there were more lodges like

Patterson Lodge, No. 26; Baxter, W. M. I had the honor of inspection to this lodge on the 8th. An added pleasure was afforded by having the company of York Lodge, who very cordially extended me an invitation to be present at their annual

mond lodges respectively. The second degree was exemplified by W. Bro. Baxter and his officers in a satisfactory manner, considering that the officers had not much opportunity for practice. This lodge is somewhat handicapped this year by the fact that the W. M. for the time being resides in Toronto, thus making it very difficult to secure that earnest and hearty co-operation which is so essential. The lecture given by Bro. Wm. Riddell, S. W., was accurately and impressively rendered. This lodge has the good fortune of having as its Secretary R. W. Bro. J. E. Francis, P. D. D. G. M. His books are faultlessly kept. A member in arrears for dues is almost an unknown quantity. In addition to his secretarial duties he has a general supervision over the lodge and might well be termed its father. Bros. Wm. Riddell and J. M. W. Cousins, the Wardens, are both capable officers, and the prospects for this lodge's future are exceedingly bright. The brethren are most hospitable, and a very enjoyable time was spent at the festive board. Many interesting and instructive addresses were delivered and good songs rendered. The evening was a most enjoyable one for all present.

Humber Lodge, No. 305, Weston: W. Bro. John Gardhouse, W. M. I visited this lodge in my official capacity on the evening of November 9th and spent a most enjoyable evening. There was a fair attendance of members and visitors, and I was delighted to greet R. W. Bro. James Glanville, P. D. D. G. M., W. Bro. A. J. Anderson, P. M. of Stanley Lodge, Toronto Junction, and many others. The first degree was exemplified by W. Bro. Gardhouse and his officers, assisted to some extent by some of the P. M's, in a satisfactory manner. The lodge is at present officered by a capable and intelligent staff, and there are many active and energetic Past Masters and considerable good material not yet in harness. I consider the prospects of the lodge fairly bright. The membership now totals 60, being a net increase of but one for the year. This lodge has been active in regard to the S. C. B. Fund, \$71.00 having been paid to the Grand Secretary and considerably more than this sum subscribed. W. Bro. Wilson Wilby, one of the most active P. M's, has given this subject a great deal of time and attention, and to him is largely due the success attained. The Secretary reports \$7.00 paid for relief; 11

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David Morton, in the writing of the minutes, to which I called his attention. He is a good officer, however, and one of the strong pillars of the lodge. Past Masters V. W. Bro. Frank Smith, Dr. Peter D. McLean and J. J. Watson were also present. I called the W. M.'s attention to the necessity in opening the lodge at a much earlier hour than has been his custom, that the business and work of the lodge may be properly despatched and the brethren permitted to return to their far away homes at a seasonable hour. Six candidates have been initiated during the year. The lodge is well officered and the outlook is exceedingly bright. The brethren have a good building, their own, slightly encumbered, but they expect to have it free of debt before the end of this year. The proceedings at the festive board were of an enjoyable character. The brethren know how to entertain.

Zetland Lodge, No. 326, Toronto: W. Bro. E. R. Dransfield, W. M. I paid my visit to this lodge for the purpose of inspection on March 23rd. There was a large attendance. The following Past Masters were among the number present: M. W. Bro. E. T. Malone, V. W. Bro. H. A. Taylor, V. W. Bro. John B. Hay, R. W. Bro. Wm. David McPherson, W. Bros. Chas. F. Mansell, John Bastedo, W. J. L. Anderson, Alex. Stewart, John H. Macabe, Thomas McQuillan, James Haywood and Dr. Fierheller. Among the visitors I was delighted to greet W. Bro. Dr. W. P. Thomson, W. M. of Wilson, my mother lodge, also W. Bro. G. H. D. Lee, W. M. of Ionic Lodge; W. Bro. W. T. Douglas, W. M. of York Lodge, and W. Bro. James D. Bailey, W. M. of Ashlar Lodge. Zetland has a membership of 456, I believe the largest in the jurisdiction, always a splendid lodge, but raising its standard from year to year in the choice of its officers and of the material which it is admitting. They have long since recognized the fact that every man was not made for Masonry, and I have been informed that in the near future the fee for admission will be increased to \$100.00. The Entered Apprentice degree was exemplified for my inspection, and it was as near perfection as any I have ever witnessed. The work of W. Bro. Dransfield, W. M., was given in a distinct, impressive and conversational manner, and the other officers emulated the good example set by him, the floor work of the J. D. being very fine in every detail. The lodge, too, possesses

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was very fine. A pleasing feature of the evening was the presentation to the lodge by R. W. Bro. E. J. B. Duncan, of a large and handsome photograph, beautifully framed, of W. Bro. J. C. West, the I. P. M., the picture having been donated for that purpose. The membership of this lodge is increasing rapidly, the finances are in good shape, and the prospects for the future are very bright. The hospitality of this lodge is proverbial, and, notwithstanding the lateness of the hour an exceedingly pleasant time, for me at least, was spent at the refreshment table. This lodge has already contributed \$140.00 to the S. C. B. Fund, and much more has been subscribed. It was also my pleasure to visit this lodge at their regular meeting held on October 18th, when I was received in a most cordial manner by W. Bro. J. C. West, the W. M. The object of my visit was to present to my predecessor in office, R. W. Bro. E. J. B. Duncan, a suit of regalia as a slight evidence of appreciation on behalf of the various lodges in this district, over which he so ably presided. R. W. Bro. A. F. Webster, P. D. D. G. M., a dear friend of the recipient, assisted in making the presentation. On this occasion I was also pleased to greet my confrere, R. W. Bro. Fred. W. Harcourt, the D. D. G. M. of Toronto East District No. 11a; R. W. Bro. W. George Eakins; V. W. Bro. H. T. Smith, G. J. D.; V. W. Bro. T. W. Barber, G. D. of C.; V. W. Bros. John B. Hay, J. R. Dunn, John Muir, R. Charlton, and many others. The first degree was also faultlessly exemplified on this occasion, the candidate being a prominent Toronto Methodist clergyman. Many excellent songs were rendered during banquet proceedings. The function was a most successful one, and although, on account of the inclemency of the weather a disagreeable night for brethren to attend a lodge meeting, yet there were fully three hundred present.

River Park Lodge, No. 365, Streetsville: W. Bro. M. S. Mercer, W. M. I made my visit of inspection to this lodge on the evening of May 8th. I was pleased to have the company of W. Bro. R. F. Segsworth, I. P. M. of Wilson Lodge, Toronto, and W. Bro. A. J. Anderson, P. M. of Stanley Lodge, Toronto Junction. Considering the inclement weather, a goodly number of the brethren, and especially Past Masters of the lodge, were present, and my reception was most loyal. The lodge is to be

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present: W. Bros. Dr. Emerson Bull, Thomas Tier, Jas. Sabiston, E. B. Rice, F. F. Reeves, Chas. Aylmer, Archie McKinnon, R. A. Montgomery and J. G. Musson. The first degree was exemplified by W. Bro. Moran and his officers in a satisfactory manner, it being my duty to call attention to but few inaccuracies. The charge was delivered by Bro. Port, S. W. in a masterly way. The lecture by the J. W., Bro. Geo. S. Brown, was also well rendered. Both brethren will doubtless make excellent Masters in due time. This lodge is in a flourishing condition; has a membership of 79, own their own temple, and have a bank account of nearly \$700.00. Some of this will be expended in the near future in decorating and improving their lodge room. The brethren are now active in the work of the S. C. B. Fund; \$76.00 has been subscribed and much more is promised.

Alpha Lodge, No. 384, Toronto: W. Bro. Robert E. Port, W. M. This lodge was officially visited at its regular meeting on March 1st. Here a goodly number of P. M's remain in active membership. No fewer than twelve were present on the occasion of my visit. W. Bro. Col. John Gray, first elected W. M. of the lodge, might be mentioned as one of the most active. There was a very large attendance of members and a few visitors. It was my privilege to witness the ordinary openings and closings and the work of the beautiful third degree, all of which was exceedingly well done and had the merit of being uniformly satisfactory down to the lowest officer. W. Bro. Port is a hard worker, an enthusiastic Mason, and every detail of ritual is carefully observed. To my mind the most important officer of a lodge next to the W. M. is the Secretary, and Alpha lodge has a model in the person of V. W. Bro. T. J. Voss. His books are well kept, and consequently the finances of the lodge are in good shape and but few of the brethren in arrears for dues. Subsequently the brethren proved their proficiency at the fourth degree, which was fully exemplified and thoroughly enjoyed until the summons from the J. W. parted all for the night. I also had the pleasure of being officially received in this lodge by W. Bro. James Leach, W. M., on the eve of his retirement from office, December 27th, when Alpha celebrated its 25th anniversary in a fitting manner. One of the pleasant features of the evening was the installation of the officers for the

following year by the first W. M. of the lodge, R. W. Bro. George Tait, P. D. D. G. M. There was also present on this occasion R. W. Bro. H. T. White, G. J. W.; Hon. J. W. St. John, P. D. D. G. M. of this district; V. W. Bro. Henry T. Smith, G. J. D.; fourteen P. M's of Alpha lodge, and a large attendance of Masters and Past Masters of the various city lodges. The banquet proceedings were presided over by W. Bro. Port. The menu was an excellent one. The addresses, chiefly reminiscent in character, and some of the best musical talent in the city, contributed to make this an evening to be remembered by all who were fortunate enough to be present. The premises which the lodge occupied for many years, at the corner of Queen street and Dowling avenue, having been sold recently, the brethren have made temporary arrangements to meet in Occident Hall, corner Queen and Bathurst streets. This lodge has done well in regard to the S. C. B. Fund. Over \$200.00 has been paid in and the prospects are that every member of Alpha will do his duty.

Stanley Lodge, No. 426, Toronto Junction: W. Bro. Thomas Ferguson, W. M. I made my official visit to this lodge for the purpose of inspection on the evening of April 3rd. There was a very large attendance of members and visitors. Among the latter might be mentioned W. Bro. D. J. Sheppard, W.M. of Victoria Lodge, U. D., accompanied by about thirty of his brethren. To my mind this visit of the brethren of Victoria lodge in such large numbers shows in a marked degree the kindly spirit that prevails among the brethren of Stanley towards the new lodge established in that town by R. W. Bro. E. J. B. Duncan, my predecessor in office, on June 19th last year. The brethren of Toronto Junction are really a happy family. The work of the evening consisted in the exemplification of the first degree. Every officer did his part with honor to himself and credit to his lodge. I do not think I ever saw the work much better done. The teachings of the degree were not only most impressively conveyed, but nearly every detail of ritual was carefully observed and correctly rendered. This lodge has been active in regard to the S. C. B. Fund; \$187.00 has already been paid in and sent to the Grand Secretary. W. Bro. A. J. Anderson has personally given this matter a great deal of time and attention. Of

him I may say that he is a most genial and hospitable man, an excellent Mason, and popular with his brethren. The membership of this lodge is 243, the increase during the year being 11. Number of members twelve months in arrears, 18; total of all arrearages, \$293.60. There is a body of Past Masters connected with this lodge which I consider second to none in this district. Bro. William Harris is still Secretary, and of him it may be said he is a very efficient and painstaking officer. W. Bro. Ferguson is an ideal host. The brethren of Stanley are good entertainers, and a very pleasant hour was spent working the fourth degree.

Harmony Lodge, No. 438, Toronto: W. Bro. A. M. Kennedy, W. M. I officially visited this lodge for the purpose of inspection at its regular meeting held on the 26th day of March. This is the mother lodge of my Secretary, W. Bro. W. H. Shaw, and I was very much pleased to be introduced by him. He is a splendid Secretary, a most genial man, an excellent Mason, and exceedingly popular with his brethren. There was a large turnout of the members and many eminent visitors present. The work of the officers in the opening and closing of the three degrees was of the highest standard, and the exemplification of the first degree, as presented by the W. M., W. Bro. A. M. Kennedy and his officers, left nothing to be desired, and I am sure it cannot but be pleasing to the Past Masters and brethren who have presided and watched over this lodge since its inception to witness the efficiency it has attained. The choir also, under the able leadership of Bro. Blight, was exceptionally good, and added greatly to the impressiveness of the ceremonies and the enjoyment of the brethren at the fourth degree. The lodge has a very efficient Secretary in Bro. W. T. Martin. His books are models, and Bro. A. F. Sprott, the Senior Warden, will, I am sure, make an ideal W. M. in the near future. The lecture given by Bro. A. H. Loughheed, J. W., was impressively and correctly rendered. I had previously visited this lodge on October 23rd, the occasion being their first Past Master's night. The lodge room was prettily decorated with maple leaves, potted plants and cut flowers, presenting a magnificent appearance. V. W. Bro. Thomas W. Barber, G. D. of C., occupied the chair, and the third degree was exemplified with full musical accompaniment. At:

the conclusion of the work W. Bro. A. L. E. Davies, W. M., presented V. W. Bro. Barber, on behalf of the lodge, with a full set of Grand Lodge regalia pertaining to his rank, as well as a beautifully engrossed address. Among the distinguished brethren present were: R. W. Bros. Aubrey White, Geo. J. Bennett, Dr. A. F. Webster, P. D. D. G. M's; R. W. Bro. E. C. Davies, P. G. R.; V. W. Bro. Henry T. Smith, G. J. D., and many of the ruling Masters of the city lodges. This lodge is in a flourishing condition, has a membership of over three hundred, and I consider its prospects second to none in the district. W. Bro. A. L. E. Davies has charge of the S. C. B. Fund. He reports \$118.00 collected and promises to show a good report to my successor in office.

Peel Lodge, No. 468, Caledon East: W. Bro. F. N. Leavens, W. M. This lodge was inaugurated in June, 1904, and by direction of M. W. Bro. James H. Burritt, Grand Master, the pleasure was assigned to me of delivering to them their warrant and consecrating their lodge. This duty was performed on Friday, the 10th day of November, 1905, at 8 o'clock p. m. In this work I was ably assisted by R. W. Bro. R. Irvine, R. W. Bro. G. Crystal, V. W. Bro. T. W. Barber, G. D. of C., and the following worshipful brethren: A. J. Anderson, R. F. Segsworth, G. C. Martin, John Haggis, Wilson Wilby, Dr. W. T. Hackett, W. R. Burrage, S. B. Brett, J. McCabe, A. E. Bolton, W. Gillespie and Wm. Freedman. After the usual ceremonies in performing the work for which we were assembled were concluded, I had the honor of installing the first officers, being assisted by many of the above named brethren. There were nearly one hundred at the meeting, brethren being present from all parts of the district. A banquet was held in the hall, and the time there was spent, for me at least, both pleasant and profitable. W. Bro. F. N. Leavens, the W. M., proved to be an ideal host. I visited this lodge again in my official capacity on June 1st. The first by-laws have been compiled and sanctioned by the Most Worshipful the Grand Master. No regular work had been arranged for the occasion of my visit other than the election of officers. I asked for the openings and closings in the three degrees and questioned the brethren on certain parts of the work, all of which was done and questions answered almost to my entire satisfaction. I then

addressed the brethren at some length on the subject of the S. C. B. Fund and other matters of interest to the lodge relative to their work. The election of officers was then proceeded with and it was a source of great satisfaction to witness the unanimity that prevailed among the brethren. This lodge has been ably presided over since its inauguration by W. Bro. F. N. Leavens, a P. M. of True Blue Lodge, No. 98, Bolton. It is now in a flourishing condition with a well furnished hall and practically free of debt. Its membership numbers 37, but 3 members in arrears for dues, and the total of all arrearages amounts to but \$8.75. Light refreshments were served at the close of the meeting. The brethren are men of fine calibre. They are guarding well the outer door, have elected a good set of officers, and the prospects of this lodge are at the present exceedingly bright.

Victoria Lodge, U.D., Toronto Junction: W. Bro. W. J. Sheppard, W. M. This lodge was inaugurated on the evening of the 19th of June, 1905, by my immediate predecessor, R. W. Bro. E. J. B. Duncan, and it is still working under dispensation. I made my official visit on the evening of February 20th. I may say at the outset that this, "The Baby Lodge," is immensely popular throughout the district, and that I enjoyed none of my official visits more than this. A very large number of members and visitors were in attendance, and my reception could be no more loyal. I was delighted to greet R. W. Bro. Dr. R. R. Hopkins, P. D. D. G. M. He is a genial, hospitable man, and an excellent Mason. Among the visitors were: W. Bros. J. A. Moran, Thomas Ferguson, M. S. Mercer, R. E. Port and Edward Mack, W. M's of Mimico, Stanley, River Park, Alpha and Orient lodges respectively, also W. Bros. R. A. Montgomery and G. J. Musson, Mimico; W. Bros. A. J. Anderson and John Patterson, Stanley; W. Bro. Dr. W. T. Hackett, I. P. M. of True Blue Lodge, Bolton; W. Bro. W. Wilby, P. M. of Humber Lodge, Weston; W. Bro. Wm. Duncan, P. M. of York Lodge, Eglinton, and many others. One candidate was initiated by W. Bro. Sheppard in good style and in an impressive manner. The work of the Inner Guard and the floor work of the Junior Deacon was excellent. Bro. T. E. Hoar, Junior Warden, delivered his lecture perfectly. The musical

accompaniment by their choir added greatly to the ceremony. My predecessor in office, in his report regarding this lodge, said "It is starting with the most encouraging prospects and brightest of outlooks." The following, I think, will show that R. W. Bro. Duncan is somewhat of a prophet: The total membership is 69, being a net increase of 52 for the year, 38 being initiations. Twelve regular and 10 emergent meetings have been held. Ten dollars has been paid for relief, and quite a large sum has been collected for the S. C. B. Fund. Every brother has paid his dues to date, and the cash on hand amounts to \$730.10. W. Bro. Sheppard is a most efficient presiding officer. Bro. W. E. Birrell is a Secretary that any lodge might be proud of; his report shows his worth. The brethren of this lodge also know how to entertain. After the work of the evening a most enjoyable time was spent at the festive board. I consider the prospects for Victoria lodge exceedingly bright.

In conclusion, let me say that every visit I have made throughout the district has been of the most pleasant character. I have endeavored to do my duty, and I feel that any criticisms that I have offered were taken in the spirit in which they were intended, and if the brethren have received that benefit from my visits which I feel I have derived from my associations with them, I am satisfied that much has been accomplished. The many kindnesses of the brethren shall be remembered by me while life lasts. I believe peace and harmony prevail, and may it continue to do so until time shall be no more.

All of which is fraternally submitted.

EDMUND M. CARLETON, D.D.G.M.,
Toronto West District No. 11.

GRAND LODGE OF A. F. & A. M. OF CANADA IN THE PROVINCE OF ONTARIO.
Table showing the work done in Toronto West District, No. 11, from June 24th, 1905, to June 24th, 1906.

Number of Lodges.	NAME OF LODGE	Location	Total No of all Mem		Increase during year.		Decrease during year.		F. A.	F. C.	M. M.	Affiliations	Restorations	Resignations	Suspensions, other causes.	Deaths	Meet- ings held.			Average attendance of members	Amount paid for relief in arrears.	No of members 12 months in arrears.	Total of all arrearages	Date of last G. L. Return	Financial Standing.	Prospects of Lodge.	Can W. M. work all degrees	Insurance
			Mem.	Degre's bership conf'd	Regular	Emergency	Total																					
93	King Solomon	Toronto	256	9	16	12	1	4	16	51	130 00	97	\$ 293 13	June 24, '06	Good	Good	Yes	Trust										
94	Vaughan	Maple	41	2	2	2	2	12	12	16	10 00	8	67 00	Dec 24, '06	Fair	Good	Yes	Trust										
95	Rehoboth	Toronto	300	15	20	23	15	15	26	63	598 70	18	130 00	June 23, '06	Good	Good	Yes	Trust										
96	Wilson	Toronto	242	33	39	33	30	3	34	97	119 00	41	650 00	Dec 27, '05	Good	Good	Yes	Trust										
97	True Blue	Bolton	53	7	5	3	9	1	7	10	10 00	99	74 75	June 24, '06	Good	Good	Yes	Trust										
98	Union	Schomberg	37	7	7	7	6	1	13	15	10 00	7	35 00	June 24, '05	Good	Good	Yes	Trust										
118	York	North Toronto	133	20	23	16	17	6	17	30	..	10	46 50	Dec 27, '05	Good	Good	Yes	Trust										
229	Ionia	Brampton	74	4	3	3	1	1	11	17	..	13	17 00	Dec 28, '05	Fair	Good	Yes	Trust										
247	Ashlar	Toronto	284	15	16	14	14	3	16	44	..	13	134 50	Dec 27, '05	Excellent	Good	Yes	Trust										
265	Patterson	Flornhill	47	..	9	3	1	9	14	16	..	1	15 00	Dec 27, '06	Good	Good	Yes	Trust										
292	Robertson	King	97	2	4	3	1	11	11	13	8 00	4	17 00	Dec 27, '03	Good	Good	Yes	Trust										
305	Humber	Western	69	1	4	3	1	11	11	23	7 00	11	27 75	June 23, '05	Good	Good	Yes	Trust										
311	Blackwood	Woodbridge	53	5	6	5	4	1	12	14	..	12	63 00	June 23, '05	Good	Good	Yes	Trust										
326	Zetland	Toronto	456	17	19	12	12	5	15	137	3 00	20	193 00	Dec 27, '05	Excellent	Good	Yes	Trust										
346	Occident	Toronto	246	34	34	32	33	2	21	46	60 00	14	390 00	June 24, '05	Good	Good	Yes	Trust										
356	River Park	Streetsville	47	10	8	6	6	3	15	14	5 00	15	41 00	Dec 27, '05	Good	Good	Yes	Trust										
369	Munico	Lambton Mills	79	2	6	6	8	2	13	28	..	14	115 00	Dec 27, '05	Bright	Good	Yes	Trust										
384	Alpha	Toronto	303	14	22	25	24	2	13	93	245 00	46	314 40	Dec 27, '05	Good	Good	Yes	Trust										
426	Stanley	Toronto Junct	243	11	16	14	16	3	24	55	95 00	18	293 60	Dec 27, '05	Good	Good	Yes	Trust										
438	Harmony	Toronto	307	29	43	41	36	4	17	29	45	236 96	52 80	Dec 27, '05	Good	Good	Yes	Trust										
469	Peel	Caledon East	87	7	6	3	3	1	12	14	..	3	8 75	June 19, '03	Good	Good	Yes	Trust										
474	Victoria	Toronto Junct.	69	59	20	26	16	10	22	95	10 00	..	..	Dec 27, '03	Excellent	Good	Yes	Trust								

TORONTO EAST DISTRICT, No. 11A.

To the Most Worshipful the Grand Master, Officers and Members of the Grand Lodge of A. F. & A. M. of Canada, in the Province of Ontario:

MOST WORSHIPFUL SIR AND BRETHREN:

I have the honor to submit the following report on the condition of Masonry in the above district. If I were not bound by precedent I would briefly refer only to some of the noteworthy events of the year. You will, I know, allow me to make some allusion to matters of special interest to our Order, to which my attention has been directed. Speaking at large, I am glad to be able to say that the Masters and officers of all the lodges in the district have proved themselves well able and creditably to present the work and conduct the business appertaining to their offices. While it is gratifying to know that progress is being made from year to year in this regard, we may opportunely remind ourselves that much yet remains to be done, that battles have still to be fought, temptations avoided, obstacles overcome, 'ere our high ideal is reached. Here and there a tendency to attain or accomplish a desired end regardless of the Constitution of Grand Lodge, the rulings of the Most Worshipful the Grand Master and the by-laws of the lodge is noticeable. We all agree that whatever his own opinion may be, no member of the Craft should for one moment forget his obligation.

The Board appointed to examine the Master-elect should see that he is thoroughly versed in the Constitution and by-laws, and no Master should accept office unless he is prepared to obey the Constitution, the rulings of the Grand Master, and the by-laws of his lodge.

A useful check would be to limit the number of candidates each lodge may initiate in a year. Fewer meetings, less interference with ordinary duties, more careful work and a better class of candidates would result.

I also notice a tendency—due to the spirit of the times

—towards increased expenditure in the social side of Masonry, without any corresponding increase in the direction of charity. This is surely not in accordance with the true spirit of Masonry. While fully alive to the importance of maintaining the social side, let us not forget that charity is the main advertisement we are holding out to the public, and we should not travel under false colors. For every dollar a lodge spends in entertainment its equivalent at least should be put aside for charity. It will be said that in a prosperous country like ours there is no necessity for this. I answer that prosperity is always accompanied by poverty; that squalor ever jostles splendor. Prosperity may mean wealth to the classes and poverty to the masses. The older our country becomes the greater will be the need for wise charitable work.

It would be well to cast on a brother who proposes a candidate for membership the responsibility of reading over the petition to him before signature, so that the candidate cannot afterwards shelter himself, should his application be questioned, by saying that he had not read it or did not understand it, as was recently done by a brother who was of foreign nationality and said he could not read English.

Notices by secretaries to other lodges, containing the name of rejected candidates, should be by registered letter, in order to fix the responsibility in the proper quarter should the rejected candidate be taken into another lodge within the prescribed time.

It would be a great assistance to the members of the Craft—especially to the District Deputy Grand Masters and the ruling Masters—if the rulings of the M. W. the Grand Master, when approved by Grand Lodge, were as accessible as, say, the decisions of a judge of the High Court of Justice. They should, I humbly submit, be printed and distributed from year to year, thereby saving all concerned, especially the Grand Secretary, a great deal of trouble.

In order to avoid disputes, I would suggest that Acacia Lodge and The Beaches Lodge be given concurrent jurisdiction with the city lodges, such as York Lodge now enjoys. In fact, the advantage would more than compensate for any disadvantage if boundary lines were done away with altogether and a candidate permitted to join

any lodge he wishes in the same way as he can join a club. Much friction would then be avoided.

I believe the future will see a marked improvement in subscriptions to the Semi-Centennial Benevolent Fund, due to the efforts of the Most Worshipful the Grand Master.

In my official visits I was particularly impressed and much pleased with the efficiency of nearly every lodge Secretary, especially in the country lodges, where the office is generally filled by an experienced Past Master. An efficient Secretary is what one might call the linchpin of a lodge. On the other hand, I feel it my duty to draw attention to the fact that very few of the Treasurers think it necessary to have their books present on the night of the official visit of the District Deputy Grand Master; they appear to think it sufficient to say that their accounts have been audited.

The practice of holding Grand Lodge elections in July permitting the private lodges to elect their officers in November and install in December is most unfortunate. There should be uniformity so as to enable a District Deputy to extend his official visits over, say, ten months of the year instead of five, and to permit one Master and one set of officers to be responsible for the whole of that year instead of a broken period.

I regret that I cannot report, as my predecessors have done, that peace and harmony prevail throughout the district. I need not particularize as to facts, as they have already been brought to the notice of Grand Lodge through other sources. These troubles, originating from trifles, could have all been avoided had patience, unselfishness and a due regard for the opinion of others prevailed. Let the brethren remember that discipline is very wholesome medicine, even when bitter; that no man should expect to have others always think as he does; that malice should have no place in Masonry. There need be no dissension. In spite of the differences which exist in some places, I do not believe that any of the lodges in the district have failed in any instance in the matter of hospitality. No matter what may occur in the lodge room, when the fourth degree is reached sociability and good fellowship reign supreme. This goes to prove that the differences are merely on the surface and could be settled by the practice of mutual forbearance.

I have been called on for a number of rulings or opinions during the year, all of them unimportant and covered by precedent, save, probably, one, which questioned the right of a brother who was a member of the lodge in good standing and had been made a life member, without, however, saying "with full privileges to vote." I held that he had the right, as making him a life member did not deprive him of any of the privileges he before enjoyed, and simply meant that his dues were remitted.

V. W. Bro. Henry T. Smith, P. M. of St. Andrew's Lodge, has rendered me invaluable service as District Secretary. I cannot speak too highly of his efficiency, nor of his willingness to perform any duty required of him. His knowledge of Masonry and of the affairs of the district, together with his popularity, have helped to lighten my labors.

Among the principal events of the year I should not forget to mention the presentation from the district of a suit of Grand Lodge regalia at St. George's Lodge to my immediate predecessor, R. W. Bro. John J. Thompson, by R. W. Bro. John Watson, P. D. D. G. M., who was kind enough to make the presentation for me when I was absent from the city. I cannot, on account of the sad death of the R. W. Bro. a short time afterwards, bring myself to comment further on the event. R. W. Bro. Thompson died on the 12th January last when only forty-four years of age. No district Deputy ever worked harder than he did, and we all heard of his departure with genuine regret. "He has only gone from this room into the next. God touched him with his finger and he sleeps."

I had the privilege of being present at the following meetings, which were not only instructive but most enjoyable.

At Wilson Lodge, in September, when a reception was tendered to R. W. Bro. E. M. Carlton, D. D. G. M. Toronto District No. 11, by his mother lodge.

At Occident Lodge, on the 18th October last, when their esteemed member, R. W. Bro. E. J. B. Duncan, P. D. D. G. M., was presented by his district with Grand Lodge regalia. The visitors on that occasion were welcomed by R. W. Bro. J. C. West, W. M., and the presentation was made by R. W. Bro. E. M. Carlton.

At Rehoboam Lodge, on 2nd November last, on the

night of their Past Masters' Reunion, when M. W. Bro. J. H. Burritt, G. M., and a number of other distinguished brethren were present.

At Ashlar Lodge, on the 23rd December last, when M. W. Bro. Benjamin Allen, P. G. M., was presented with a magnificent set of Grand Lodge regalia and an address, and again at the same lodge on the 27th March, when the Past Masters worked the first degree in the presence of the Most Worshipful the Grand Master.

I attended a banquet given at the King Edward by Wilson Lodge on the night of 22nd February, which proved a most enjoyable reunion of the Masons of that lodge. I also, at the request of R. W. Bro. E. M. Carlton, attended with him when he made his official visit to Wilson Lodge, which is his mother lodge, and, at his request, commented on the excellent manner in which R. W. Bro. Walter P. Thomson, W. M., and his officers conferred the third degree.

A Lodge of Instruction was held under the joint direction of the District Deputy Grand Masters of the two Toronto districts on the 31st October last. There were fully three hundred and fifty brethren present, representing nearly all the lodges in the two districts and sixteen lodges from outside districts. The first degree was exemplified by the following officers of Wilson lodge: W. Bro. R. F. Segsworth, W. M.; Bro. George McLeish, I. P. M.; Bros. Dr. W. P. Thomson, S. W.; J. S. Simmons, J. W.; Wm. Cooper, Chaplain; R. W. Parkinson, S. D.; Carl Lehman, J. D.; H. W. Joselin, S. S.; E. B. Fletcher, J. S., and W. E. Tibbeets, I. G. The second degree by The Beaches Lodge, of East Toronto (under dispensation), by the following officers: W. Bro. John McCurrah, W. M.; W. Bro. D. D. Grierson, I. P. M.; Bros. R. J. W. Barker, S. W.; G. M. Ritchie, J. W.; Rev. J. W. Bell, Chaplain; W. E. Orr, S. D. And the third degree by the following officers of Ionic Lodge: W. Bro. K. J. Dunstan, W. M.; Bros. G. H. D. Lee, S. W.; Graham Thompson, J. W.; R. W. Bro. C. W. Postlethwaite, Chaplain; Bro. H. M. Mowat, Secretary; S. W. Smith, S. D. These degrees were most excellently exemplified by all these lodges, and I am satisfied that a great benefit resulted from the meeting.

I had the honor of representing the M. W. the Grand Master at a function held by Transportation Lodge, Buf-

falo, on 30th May, to celebrate an anniversary. There were over four hundred present, including a number of ladies. M. W. Bro. Townsend Scudder, Grand Master of the State of New York, and M. W. Bro. Charles I. Stevens, Grand Master of the State of Michigan, delivered eloquent addresses. The entire musical program was rendered by Bros. Charles E. Reiner, George J. Bannister, Kenneth Metcalf, and Marcus T. Lester, musical director of the Doric quartette, accompanied by Bro. E. R. Bowles as organist. This was a great compliment for our American cousins to pay to their Canadian brethren, and it was most gratifying to see that by the side of "Old Glory" in the lodge room there was a Union Jack. Thus does Masonry assist in cementing the bonds of peace and friendship between nations. I noticed W. Bro. J. Woodland, W. M.; W. Bro. Arthur Pearson, I. P. M., and V. W. Bro. John A. Cowan, P. M. of Doric Lodge, among the brethren present.

The brethren of Toronto celebrated the festival of St. John the Baptist on the 24th June by attending divine service in St. James Cathedral. Notwithstanding the inclement weather nearly a thousand Masons, marshalled by V. W. Bro. Harry A. Taylor, listened to the beautiful service rendered by V. W. Bro. Rev. W. M. Farncombe and Bros. Rev. I. W. B. Broughall and D. L. Owen, the music by Bro. Albert Ham, Mus. Doc., and his choir, and the eloquent sermon preached by Bro. Dr. Clark. A collection was taken up for the benefit of the Semi-Centennial Beenvolent Fund and amounted to \$116.20. To myself the only drawback was the street procession in regalia. I mention this with diffidence, knowing that my sentiments are not shared by the great majority. I would, however, like to see an ordinance passed by Grand Lodge prohibiting processions in regalia.

Any success which may have attended my year of office is due to a great extent to the assistance and advice I have received from such competent and unselfish brethren as M. W. Bros. James H. Burritt, Hugh Murray, E. T. Malone and Benjamin Allen, and R. W. Bros. C. W. Postlethwaite, William Roaf, Aubrey White, F. G. Inwood, W. George Eakins, Edward B. Brown and E. J. B. Duncan, and V. W. Bro. Henry T. Smith, and the help and aid of the ruling Masters of the lodges of the district. I must also acknowledge the kind atten-

tion I have received at the hands of the members of the Doric Quartette and Bro. W. N. Shaver, who frequently aided in making a meeting successful by their excellent music; also to W. Bro. John Pearson and Bro. Wilson, both of St. Andrew's Lodge, for inaugurating some of my visits to the northern lodges. The comradeship of my coadjutor, R. W. Bro. Carlton, will always be remembered by me with pleasure. We were naturally thrown together frequently, and he was always ready with his sound advice and able assistance. Not once did any semblance of unpleasantness mar our intercourse. The sister district was fortunate in her choice of a representative.

The lodges in Toronto are enjoying the services of Bro. James Pritchard as Tyler, and otherwise are fortunate in having such an efficient and obliging brother to look after their welfare.

While writing this the sad news has reached me of the terrible railway accident in England, in which, among other citizens of Toronto, W. Bro. Walter Barwick, a Past Master of Ionic Lodge, and for many years its representative on the Benevolent Board, lost his life. The W. Bro. was my staunch friend for nearly thirty years. When W. M. of Ionic Lodge he appointed me to my first office in the Craft, thereby starting me on the road to the position I now fill and am about to vacate. He had the interest of the Craft at heart and used every endeavor to provide a home for distressed Masons, was ever on the alert to reform, and always had the courage of his convictions, even when he knew that his was not the winning side. He held many important positions in the community and was generous almost to a fault. The Craft can ill afford the loss of one "whose doctrine and whose life were so coincident."

The following is a brief summary of my official visits of inspection during the year:

St. Andrew's Lodge, No. 16: I visited no less than five times during the year this grand old lodge, old in the service of good Masonry; but still vigorous. My first visit was made at the reunion of the Past Masters on the 16th October, 1905, when W. Bro. Rev. Dr. John Burwash was W. M., and when the first degree was well exemplified by the Past Masters of the lodge. A pleasing incident on this occasion was the presence of V. W. Bro.

Capt. William F. McMaster, who has been an honored and a valued member of the lodge since the 9th January, 1854. Among the other older members were M. W. Bro. John Ross Robertson, P. G. M., and R. W. Bro. W. C. Wilkinson. My next visit was on the 2nd February, when I attended an "at home" given for the benefit of the ladies. My third on the 13th February, when the M. W. the Grand Master and a number of other distinguished brethren were present. And my fourth and official visit was made on the 16th March, when the first degree was most satisfactorily presented by W. Bro. A. E. Hagerman and his officers. The candidate on this occasion was Mr. David Arnot, the son of Bro. Peter Arnot, an old member of the lodge. I cannot speak too highly of this lodge or of W. Bro. Hagerman, its officers and members. It has always done good work, and the present year is no exception. The lodge has a particularly competent Secretary in the person of W. Bro. J. T. Slater. But lack of space prevents me from mentioning each officer (and they are all satisfactory) individually. I must content myself by saying that the lodge is a credit to Masonry. The following brethren were present: B. W. Bro. Malcolm Gibbs, P. G. R., of Rehoboam lodge; W. Bros. J. Graham, P. M. of Rehoboam lodge; W. J. Douglas, W. M. of York lodge; O. J. Brown, P. M. of York lodge; R. W. Brennan, W. M. of St. George lodge; E. Barber, W. M. of Zeta lodge; T. Barber, P. M. of Occident lodge; H. H. McKague, W. M. of Georgina lodge; W. J. Sykes, P. M. of Georgina lodge, and W. Bros. C. W. I. Woodland, C. E. Edmonds, F. M. Bell Smith, D. Carlyle and L. Herbert Luke, of St. Andrew's lodge. My fifth visit was on the 10th of April, when the Lodge of Ancient Landmarks of Buffalo exemplified the second degree. This was a magnificent meeting and was attended by a large number of the Craft in Toronto, among others being: R. W. Bro. J. W. Watson, D. D. G. M. Ontario District No. 12; R. W. Bro. George Tait, P. D. D. G. M.; R. W. Bro. Malcolm Gibbs, P. G. R.; V. W. Bro. Henry T. Smith, G. J. D.; V. W. Bro. T. W. Barber, G. D. of C.; W. Bros. J. S. Lovell, J. T. Slater, R. W. Brennan, Kenneth Dunstan, J. W. Payne, G. H. D. Lee, James Haywood, P. T. Lee, R. T. Porte, E. R. Dransfield, James G. Boyce, Thomas Bell, J. H. Macabe, Rev. Dr. Reynar, Rev. Dr.

Burwash, W. H. Blight, C. E. Edmonds, E. Barber, John Pearson, A. L. E. Davies, J. D. Bailey, C. W. I. Woodland, A. R. Macdonald, L. J. Clark, J. M. Woodland, A. Pearson, and others.

Richmond Lodge, No. 23, Richmond Hill: I visited this lodge in company with R. W. Bro. Aubrey White on December 11th. Everything about the lodge is unique and beyond ordinary criticism. The presentation of the third degree was almost letter perfect, and the floor work and other details were faultless. The dues are all paid up, the members are assisting the Semi-Centennial Benevolent Fund, and the lodge room is comfortable and well furnished. R. W. Bro. H. A. Nicholls is an ideal Secretary. There was a large attendance, not only of the members of Richmond lodge, but from other lodges in the neighborhood. Great interest was taken in the work and in the remarks made by R. W. Bro. Aubrey White after the degree had been worked. A pleasant banquet followed the lodge proceedings. Among those present were: R. W. Bro. H. A. Nicholls, P. D. D. G. M.; W. Bros. Newberry, Farquharson, Savage, Trench and Lamon, P. M's of Richmond lodge; W. Bro. Birchard, W. M. of Rising Sun lodge, Aurora, and W. Bros. Radcliffe, Russell and Nicol, with other brethren accompanying him, W. Bro. J. B. McLean, W. M. of Vaughan lodge; W. Bro. Muckle, I. P. M. of Patterson lodge, and many others.

Ionic Lodge, No. 25: This, my mother lodge, honored me with a reception on 3rd October, when W. Bro. K. J. Dunstan was W. M., and presented me with a beautiful apron. I was on that occasion greeted by many of my brethren who have been my personal friends for more than a quarter of a century, and who had been present at my initiation, such as M. W. Bro. Benjamin Allen, P. G. M.; R. W. Bros. E. J. B. Duncan, A. F. Webster, Malcolm Gibbs, W. D. McPherson, James Glanville, Curran Morrison, W. George Eakins, Rev. Baynes Reed, Aubrey White, George Tait, William Roaf, K. C., H. A. Collins, John Watson, Bernard Saunders, Donald Ross and E. B. Brown; V. W. Bros. H. T. Smith and Douglas Ponton; W. Bros. C. W. I. Woodland, A. C. Fairweather, H. A. Shoffff, George F. Shepley, K. C., S. T. Bastedo, J. R. Roaf, James Haywood, P. T. Lee, W. H. Shaw, W. R. Cavell, J. H. McCabe, R. R. Lockhart and W. G. Jones.

I was also present at a reunion of old members on the 7th November, when the first degree was worked, with W. Bro. Dr. Temple in the chair and V. W. Bro. A. R. Boswell, K. C., as S. W., the I. P. M. being W. Bro. James Brown, one of the oldest members of the lodge. I was permitted the honor of installing the officers of the lodge on 5th December. On the 6th February the lodge presented that distinguished scholar, Bro. Rev. Dr. Clark, Professor of Trinity College, with a certificate of life membership and an apron. On this occasion Dr. Alpha Clayton Bennett, son of R. W. Bro. George J. Bennett, so well and favorably known by the Craft throughout Canada, and an old member of the lodge, was initiated. A number of clergymen were present, including W. Bro. Rev. Dr. John Burwash, W. Bro. Rev. William Farncombe, Bros. Rev. L. W. B. Broughall and E. W. Ridley Beal. I visited the lodge officially on 6th March, and, feeling some delicacy in the matter, I persuaded R. W. Bro. E. J. B. Duncan, P. D. D. G. M. No. 11 District, to accompany me and perform the duties which otherwise would have developed upon me. The following is his report: "Having been favored with an invitation to the regular meeting of Ionic Lodge, No. 25, G. R. C., to be held on the evening of the 6th March, I accepted it with pleasure, especially as I knew R. W. Bro. Harcourt, D. D. G. M. of Toronto East District No. 11a, was to make his official visit to this, his mother lodge, on the evening in question. There was a good attendance of members and Past Masters, including such stalwarts as R. W. Bros. C. W. Postlethwaite, E. B. Brown and W. George Eakins, W. Bros. S. B. Sykes, R. R. Lockhart and others, and a number of visitors. R. W. Bro. Harcourt being, I presume, unwilling to pass upon the work of his mother lodge, requested me to discharge his functions for the evening, a duty which I assumed with diffidence, but gladly, as I knew it would be very agreeable—at least to myself. W. Bro. G. H. D. Lee, W. M., presided, and I wish to say at the outset that although he has been in office but a short time, a more efficient and accomplished occupant of that high office I have never seen. The third degree was exemplified in a manner which, I say with all sincerity, could not, in my opinion, be excelled. The work of every officer was excellent and there is no need to individualize, but still I shall refer to

a few of the points which particularly attracted my attention. At the opening of the lodge in the second and third degrees W. Bro. K. J. Dunstan, I. P. M., read the proper passage of scripture for each degree, which is a practice new to me, but one which I should like to see universally adopted, as I am strongly of the opinion that at the present time most of the brethren have not the remotest idea what the passages appropriate to the various degrees are. The candidate was Bro. Herbert A. Clarke, and although one hesitates about using superlatives in such matters, I think I ought to say that I have never seen his equal. No officer in the room did what was required of him more correctly and intelligently. He answered accurately and without prompting every question put to him both by the W. M. and the Wardens, repeated the obligations of the previous degrees with perfect accuracy, and evidently paid the closest attention to and thoroughly appreciated every word of the ceremonial. As already intimated, the work of the W. M. could not have been improved upon. It was practically letter perfect, and was delivered with such a quiet dignity, and yet force and impressiveness, as to render listening to it both a literary and intellectual treat. The work of the Wardens was excellent, as was that of the Deacons. To sum up, I can only say that though I have seen the third degree put on with more elaboration of detail and greater spectacular effect, I never witnessed, nor do I ever expect to witness, greater fidelity to the ritual combined with such a remarkable impressiveness and an almost ideal perfection in every particular. The Secretary, Bro. Sydney Smith, was unavoidably absent, but I found his books in first-class order. There were practically no outstanding dues at the end of the year, a fact which speaks volumes for the faithfulness of the brethren of Ionic, and especially for the efficiency of the brother who is now regarded as its Treasurer almost by prescriptive right, so long has he filled the position, R. W. Bro. C. W. Postlethwaite. This lodge has subscribed and paid nearly \$1,200 to the Semi-Centennial Benevolent Fund, an average of almost \$5.00 per member. This is a splendid record, and one which, I think, so far at least as regards the average amount of subscription per member, has not been equalled by any lodge in the jurisdiction. The whole jurisdiction has reason to be proud of Ionic

lodge, for in character of membership, excellence of work, financial position, charity, and indeed in every other particular its standing is of the very highest. During the evening Bro. J. B. Boomer, who has been a member of the lodge for thirty years, and at one time Senior Warden, was presented by R. W. Bro. Edward B. Brown, on behalf of the lodge, with the jewel of a Past Junior Warden. The lodge was then presented by Bro. Boomer with a Bible over ninety years old, and with a square and compasses by W. Bro. George F. Shepley. Among those present were: R. W. Bros. E. J. B. Duncan, T. B. Brown, Aubrey White, Donald Ross, P. D. D. G. M's; C. W. Postlethwaite and W. George Eakins, P. G. S. W.; V. W. Bros. H. T. Smith, G. J. D., Douglas Ponton and Dr. G. Sterling Ryerson; W. Bros. J. M. Woodland, W. M. of Doric, and E. R. Dransfield, W. M. of Zetland lodges, W. Bros. James Haywood, S. B. Sykes, J. R. Roaf, K. J. Dunstan, C. R. W. Postlethwaite, R. R. Lockhart and other Past Masters.

"E. J. B. DUNCAN, D.D.G.M. No. 11."

St. John's Lodge, No. 75: This meeting will go on record as marking the occasion when the lodge honored R. W. Bro. F. G. Inwood, P. D. D. G. M., by making him an honorary life member with full privileges. The R. W. Bro. is deservedly popular in his new Masonic home, and the event was a most interesting one. The first degree was given under adverse conditions, W. Bro. Alexander Fraser, W. M., suffering at the time from a severe cold, which subsequently developed into pneumonia. In spite of this drawback the W. M. worked the degree satisfactorily, assisted by his efficient officers and by an excellent choir. The finances are in good condition and the books show a balance in the bank and in investments of \$5,000. Both the Treasurer and the Secretary are efficient. There were present at this meeting, among others, R. W. Bros. E. J. B. Duncan, J. B. Nixon and William Simpson, V. W. Bro. H. T. Smith, and W. Bros. K. J. Dunstan, J. H. McKinnon, James G. Boyce, H. S. King, P. T. Lee, R. W. Brennan, C. Matthews, M. Levery and Charles E. Howarth.

Markham Union Lodge, No. 87: R. W. Bros. George Tait and F. G. Inwood and W. Bro. R. W. Cavell accompanied me on this visit on the 5th January, and, with the other brethren present made it a most successful and en-

is well furnished and in the brethren adjourned excellent rejaſt was fun and an enjoyable evening among others, W. Bros. M's of Zeredatha lodge lodge; D. A. R. Beaton, Jonathan B. Gould, F. , Davison, A. C. Reesor, A P. M's of Markham Un nate in having the ſervic Secretary.

Sharon Lodge, No. 97 official viſit to this lodge get ſettled in their new Sharon to Queensville is lodge. According to ar was dedicated the day I Hugh Murray, Grand Se company me and take cl party of thirty left Toro by Metropolitan car, and points on the way. We to Queensville, where we and were treated to an e the ladies of the Willing ville. I never enjoyed a that occaſion. The ded formed with 15 11 7

prosperity. The visitors of the day are indebted, not only to the members of Sharon lodge, but also to the ladies of the village for kind and generous hospitality. The following were present: R. W. Bros. E. M. Carleton, D. D. G. M., Toronto West District No. 11; Rev. F. E. Howitt, Hamilton, Grand Chaplain; A. White, William Roaf, K.C., F. G. Inwood, W. G. Eakins, E. J. B. Duncan, H. A. Nicholls, T. H. Brunton, P. D. D. G. M's of Toronto Districts; V. W. Bro. Henry T. Smith, Toronto, G. J. D.; J. Parcell, East Toronto, and T. Pedlar, Hamilton, G. S.; W. Bros. S. T. Bastedo, P. T. Lee, Ed. Barber, F. Saunders, D. Grigg, R. W. Brennan, H. S. King, J. H. McKinnon, H. H. McKague, K. J. Dunstan, Bros. J. B. Brennan, L. Aylesworth and R. Cassels, Toronto; W. Bro. A. J. Anderson, Toronto Junction; W. Bro. J. C. Steele, of Patterson Lodge; W. Bros. G. B. Newberry, W. H. Lake, T. Newton and T. A. Lemon, Richmond Hill; W. Bros. D. A. Radcliffe and W. H. Birchard; Bros. T. A. Wilson and Charles Lundy, Aurora; W. Bros. J. B. Gould, M. L. Nutting, C. H. Nixon and Bro. W. S. Ormiston, Uxbridge; W. Bros. Dr. Brodie and R. E. Forsyth, Brougham Union Lodge, Claremont; W. Bros. P. Morgan and Bros. R. F. Schmidt, D. B. Kinsey, L. Fisher, W. E. Eves, D. Brackon, J. Rogers, Newmarket, and many others.

Tuscan Lodge, No. 99, Newmarket: Through the kindness of Bro. C. L. Wilson, of St. Andrew's lodge, a private car on the Metropolitan railway was placed at my disposal, and I made my official visit of inspection to this lodge, accompanied by thirty brethren from Toronto, on the 5th April. The party was added to at Thornhill, Richmond Hill and Aurora. The third degree was worked to my complete satisfaction. Bro. Marcus T. Lester and his quartette furnished the music. W. Bro. P. Morgan is a competent Master. I can speak similarly of the other officers as regards their respective duties. R. W. Bro. T. H. Brunton is an excellent Treasurer, notwithstanding the fact that he does not approve of the Semi-Centennial Benevolent Fund. The lodge's finances and affairs are quite satisfactory. The evening was most enjoyable, thanks to the hospitality of the members of the lodge, which was tested to the uttermost, and the singing by Bros. W. N. Shaver, Charles E. Reiner, Geo. J. Bannister, Kenneth Metcalf and Marcus T. Lester.

This meeting will not soon be forgotten. Among those present were: R. W. Bro. T. M. Carleton, D. D. G. M., of Toronto West District; V. W. Bros. H. T. Smith, G. J. D., and T. W. Barber, G. D. of C.; W. Bros. E. Barber, of Zeta, and R. W. Brennan, St. George; J. M. Woodland, of Doric, and G. H. D. Lee, Ionic, Masters of the Toronto lodges; W. Bros. A. Pearson, W. G. Jones, W. H. Hutchinson, James Haywood, P. T. Lee, A. M. Brown, W. R. Cavell. From Thornhill were R. W. Bro. J. E. Frances, P. D. D. G. M., and W. Bro. R. S. Thompson, and from Aurora were W. Bros. Birchard and Baldwin. The party was met at Newmarket by R. W. Bro. T. H. Brunton, P. D. D. G. M., and escorted to the lodge room.

Rising Sun Lodge, No. 129, Aurora: A special meeting of this lodge was held on 14th February for the purpose of securing the attendance of the M. W. the Grand Master, when I made my visit of inspection. Again I was indebted to Bro. Charles L. Wilson, of St. Andrew's Lodge, for the services he rendered me in organizing the party. The first degree was satisfactorily worked; the affairs of the lodge are in good condition; the members are justly proud over having acquired a new hall, which they own, and which is one of the best in the district. Masonry is prospering in Aurora. The Master, W. Bro. W. Birchard, is most energetic, and is ably supported by his officers and Past Masters. The banquet was a success and the speeches made by the Grand Master and others most interesting. Among those present were: M. W. Bro. J. H. Burritt, K. C., Grand Master; R. W. Bros. Aubrey White and E. B. Brown, P. D. D. G. M's; V. W. Bro. Henry T. Smith, G. J. D.; W. Bros. A. E. Hagerman, W. M. of St. Andrew's lodge; Ed. Barber, W. M. of Zeta lodge, both of Toronto; D. Hill, W. M. of Richmond lodge, Richmond Hill; A. Carley, W. M. of Robertson lodge; W. Bros. John Pearson, C. E. Edmonds, A. J. Anderson, W. R. Cavell, of Toronto; W. Bros. J. French, George Newberry, R. A. Farquharson, A. McCallum, D. A. Radcliffe, W. J. Stevenson, A. G. Nicol, C. Russell, F. T. Daville (Mayor of Aurora), E. Brand, R. M. Hillary, F. Baldwin, Rev. Brace.

Richardson Lodge, No. 136, Stouffville: I was fortunate when visiting this lodge on 4th January in securing the company of R. W. Bros. Aubrey White and Lud. K.

Cameron, and W. Bro. Frank Saunders, P. M. of St. George's lodge. Bro. Cameron was born in Stouffville (prior to Confederation), and Bro. Saunders resided there many years and is responsible for the architectural beauty of the town. Their efforts to revive old memories were pathetic. The W. M. and his officers worked the second degree for my inspection. All the officers know their work. I must comment on the good work of W. Bro. Shankel, the Secretary, who is efficient in every particular. The lodge is sound financially, the dues are fairly well paid, and the Semi-Centennial Benevolent Fund is receiving attention. A successful church service was held during the year. The books show that \$50 have been disbursed by the lodge in charity, which is the best evidence I can offer that the true spirit of Masonry prevails. Among the others present were: W. Bros. F. H. Gray, L. B. Forsyth, Dr. W. A. Sangster and Rev. F. L. Barber.

Stevenson Lodge, No. 218, Toronto: I deemed it advisable to visit this lodge on the 9th April, which prevented me from giving the customary official notice. There was a good attendance, and although R. W. Bro. John Watson, the Master, had scarcely a day's notice, he and his officers exemplified the third degree in a satisfactory manner. Bro. E. D. Apted, the S. W., was particularly good. I and my District Secretary, V. W. Bro. H. T. Smith, received a cordial welcome from the R. W. M. and his officers and members, and all the proceedings were conducted to my satisfaction. The fourth degree was pleasant, and the remarks made by R. W. Bro. Watson, W. Bro. J. W. Jones, I.P.M., Joseph Leach and Bros. E. D. Apted, George Wilson and Ferguson had a true Masonic ring, so much so that I am convinced that the trouble which has unfortunately existed in this lodge for more than a year would have been avoided or settled by the timely exercise of prudence and forbearance, and that any wrong which has been done by way of violation of the Constitution and the by-laws was prompted by a sincere desire (though a mistaken one) of furthering the interests of the lodge. It now rests with the members of the lodge to be patient in this their hour of adversity and prove to the Craft that they can rise superior to temporary misfortune. Then Stevenson lodge will once again take its place among the prosperous lodges of the

Zeredatha Lodge, No. 100, feeling of diffidence to lay down doing so until the which was held on 4th, and W. Bro. W. R. Can not the slightest evidence faction displayed through the ballot box, which to same old story it has been telling it so silently and reason that the result was fighting a treacherous enemy siduously and to the best fortunate trouble, and rep kind assistance not only of D. D. G. M., and other persons but also that of the M. V. kind enough to remain over me a deputation from the I felt that the trouble was and the result was a benefit especially when I felt compelled to justify the unmasonic inquiry about the proposition submitted to the lodge and objection. Should the same exist for another six months should take action in "

hospitality of Zeredatha lodge is truly Masonic. I am convinced that the lodge will yet be, as it should, taking into consideration its surroundings and membership, one of the foremost in the district. Among those present at the meeting were: R. W. Bro. Harvey G. Gould, P. D. D. G. M.; V. W. Bros. S. B. Todd and M. L. Nutting; W. Bros. D. Grigg, P. M. of Zeta lodge; D. A. Clark, I. Hardy, D. Campbell, Dr. Bascom, M. H. Crosby and S. S. Sharpe, P. M.'s of Zeredatha lodge; Bros. H. P. Coote, of Harmony lodge; Tobias Castor, of Brougham Union lodge; R. A. Purvis, J. Rowan, M. Hall and J. Reynolds, of King Edward lodge.

Brougham Union Lodge, No. 269, Claremont: I visited this lodge on 2nd May, accompanied by W. Bros. W. R. Cavell and J. Walsh and Bro. James Douglas. Unfortunately the W. M. was unexpectedly called away, and the chair was filled by W. Bro. R. Brodie, who, with the officers, conferred the first degree satisfactorily and conducted the affairs of the lodge in a prompt and business-like manner. I am assured by the Past Masters of the lodge that the Master can work all the degrees, and I had evidence that the other officers are proficient. The books of the lodge are well kept by its competent Secretary, W. Bro. R. E. Forsyth, who presided at the fourth degree. The lodge has a membership of 55, and the dues are practically all paid up. The members take an earnest interest in the affairs of the lodge and intend acquiring a new lodge room, which they are in need of. I spent a most enjoyable evening, thanks to the members and visitors present. There were visiting brethren from Toronto, Uxbridge, Pickering, East Toronto, West Toronto, Markham and Manitoba, viz.: W. Bro. W. R. Cavell, P. M. of Zeta lodge, Toronto; W. Bro. C. H. Nix, W. M. of Zeredatha lodge, No. 220, Uxbridge; W. Bro. D. Campbell, P. M. of Zeredatha lodge; Bro. W. S. Ormiston, J. W., and Bro. V. M. Hare, Secretary of Zeredatha lodge; W. Bro. G. P. Every, W. M. of Pickering lodge, No. 424, and Bro. D. E. Pugh, Secretary of Pickering lodge No. 424; W. Bro. J. Parsell, P. M. of Acacia lodge, No. 430, East Toronto; W. Bros. J. B. Gould, P. M., F. A. Reesor, P. M., and W. I. Devitt, P. M., and Bro. F. Hornshaw, Markham Union No. 87; Bro. John Pirie, Crystal lodge No. 71, Crystal City, Man. Among the Past Masters of Brougham Union lodge present were:

W. Bros. R. T. Forsyth, J. Douglas, W. Barnes, E. J. Welsh, A. E. Major and R. J. Price.

Doric Lodge, No. 316, Toronto: I visited this lodge on their annual Irish night, when the occasion was honored by the presence of the M. W. the Grand Master and the M. W. the Immediate Past Grand Master, R. W. Bro. T. M. Carlton, D. D. G. M. Toronto No. 11, also W. Bro. Harry W. Crabbs, W. M. of Transportation Lodge, Buffalo, accompanied by his officers and a goodly number of the members of that lodge. It was the greatest gathering of the year and a highly successful one. W. Bro. J. M. Woodland, the W. M., and his officers exemplified the third degree most elaborately, and were assisted by a splendid choir under the direction of Bro. Marcus T. Lester. The meeting was full of interest and has given me much food for thought. I witnessed what might be called many innovations, taken, I fancy, from the American work, which I had never seen before. Some of them are worthy of consideration by Grand Lodge for adoption. Music when rendered by such competent brethren as are the members of the Doric quartette has charms indeed, and appeals to many as a desirable improvement on the ordinary work as seen in the majority of the lodges, provided it does not overshadow the work as prescribed by Grand Lodge. It has caused considerable discussion, and it would be well for Grand Lodge to consider the matter and set the question at rest. For my part, I would prefer a certain amount of latitude being given to the Master of a lodge as regards the manner in which a degree may be given, and be content if the substance and ideas are conveyed to the candidate. Doric is the most progressive lodge in the district and has the largest attendance at its meetings, due in a large degree to its musical attractions. The danger ahead of it, in my humble opinion, is its progressiveness. It is taking in too many members. Its success stands in its way. Last year over one hundred candidates were initiated. To my mind this is, at least, seventy too many, and if this rate of increase continues I would suggest their handing over the surplus to a less fortunate lodge or that a new one be formed. The Master and officers cannot do justice to any such number in one year. The fourth degree at this meeting was very interesting. In addition to the beautiful music, the

speeches, especially those of the Grand Master and the Buffalo brethren, were excellent. There were present at this meeting: M. W. Bros. J. H. Burritt, K. C., Grand Master, and B. Allen, P. G. M.; R. W. Bros. E. M. Carlton, D. D. G. M. Toronto West District No. 11; J. W. Watson, D. D. G. M. Ontario District; James Glanville and F. G. Inwood, of Toronto; J. J. Craig, of Fergus, and J. C. Bartle, of Niagara Falls, P. D. D. G. M's; V. W. Bros. H. T. Smith, G. J. D.; T. W. Barber, G. D. of C.; H. Leeson, H. A. Taylor and J. A. Cowan, Past Grand officers; W. Bros. A. E. Hagerman, R. W. Brennan and E. R. Dransfield, Masters of Toronto lodges; W. Bros. James Haywood, Arthur Pearson, Wm McCartney, B. N. Davis, C. W. I. Woodland and other Toronto Past Masters. From Royal Victoria Lodge, of Montreal, there were W. Bros. Goldthrope and Moffat, and from Transportation Lodge, No. 842, Buffalo, N.Y., W. Bro. Harry W. Crabbs, W. M.; Bros. Henry Beeny, S. W.; George A. Halbrie, J. D.; Charles S. Clifford, S. S.; A. Bert Henshaw, J. S.; R. W. Bros. A. Crowshaw, D. D. G. M., and Henry A. Thomas, P. D. D. G. M.; W. Bros. F. P. Fox, G. G. Street, Wm. Cleistain and M. H. Blecher, and other brethren.

Orient Lodge, No. 339, Toronto: W. Bro. E. Mack, the W. M. of this lodge, is evidently popular among the members of the Craft in Toronto. I had no difficulty in getting a number of brethren to accompany me when I visited Orient lodge on 1st May. The W. M. and his officers presented the first degree as it should be and was ably assisted by a good choir. The Junior Warden's lecture was given by Bro. H. F. Boyd in a novel and attractive manner. The lodge has a membership of about two hundred. Twenty were initiated and ten affiliated last year. It has assisted the Semi-Centennial Benevolent Fund, the lodge room is attractive and well furnished, the Secretary is efficient, and the only matter of regret to me at the time was the sum outstanding for dues. I hope the returns will show a reduction. A noticeable feature was the large representation of young men, which augurs well for the future of the lodge. Among those present were: R. W. Bros. Aubrey White, E. B. Brown, F. G. Inwood, Dr. Ross and C. W. Postlethwaite; V. W. Bro. Henry T. Smith, W. Bros. K. J. Dunstan, J. M. Woodland, A. Pearson, F. Anderson, P. T. Lee, W.

W. N. Shaver, the J. V. given, and W. Bro. W. in the charge. This room is cosy and well hands of an efficient S Everything points to p candidates were initiate balance in the bank o table was a pleasant fea given by R. W. Bros. V D. D. G. M's, on behal lent Fund. Among o Bros. Wm. Roaf, H. T. H. T. Smith, T. W. Ba and James Haywood. musical program were E Wilson, E. C. Tyrrell, C I again visited this lodg Bro. John Hamilton, wa on this occasion by R. W Bros. Charles Mansell a Major Crozier, Captain

Brock Lodge, No. 35 official visits of inspectio 8th November, in which Bro. Edward B. Brown weather the candidate, did not present himself. of the work I witnessed

son, an esteemed brother, who had rendered great service to the lodge, was presented to the lodge by his relatives. W. Bro. J. F. Kift is a most energetic and competent Secretary. He is ever alert in the interests of the lodge. Members of the neighboring district have several times intimated to me that Brock lodge should not be in this district, but, from opinions I received from the members of the lodge, there is no desire to change—in fact, the lodge would strongly oppose it. There were present, among others, on this occasion, W. Bros. F. Foster, A. Dobson, H. S. Bingham, M. D., M. McLeod, W. A. McLachlan and Lacey.

St. George's Lodge, No. 367, Toronto: I visited this lodge, the Masonic home of my lamented predecessor, R. W. Bro. J. J. Thompson. W. Bro. R. W. Brennan, the efficient W. M., and his officers conferred the third degree, as I expected they would, in a manner beyond reasonable criticism. The affairs of the lodge are quite satisfactory and are well looked after by the W. M., his officers, and the Board of General Purposes. I have many personal friends in this lodge, such as W. Bros. H. J. Hickson, Frank Saunders (whose son fills the Senior Warden's chair), and W. Bro. Brennan, the W. M., has assisted me in my labors by attending me on many of my visits. The fourth degree was pleasant, and the music, under the guidance of Bro. W. J. Ball, added to the enjoyment. The following brethren were present on the occasion: V. W. Bros. H. T. Smith, G. J. D., and G. K. Clemens, G. S.; W. Bros. A. T. Hagerman, W. M. of St. Andrew's; J. W. Payne, W. M. of Rehoboam; R. T. Porte, W. M. of Alpha, and Edward Barber, W. M. of Zeta lodges, all of Toronto; W. Bros. Frank Saunders, J. W. Hickson, W. C. Burt, W. J. Guy, W. B. Stoneham, P. M's, of St. George, and Fred. Prince, P. M. of Occident lodge, and W. Bro. J. S. Varley, P. M. of Lodge Friendship, No. 277, Oldham, Lancashire, England.

Zeta Lodge, No. 410, Toronto: I visited this lodge on 23rd March, and was pleased to have with me R. W. Bros. James Glanville, P. D. D. G. M., and Harry White, G. J. W., who assisted me in the evening's functions. W. Bro. E. Barber and his officers satisfactorily exemplified the first degree. The lodge is well equipped but has too few officers and Past Masters. W. Bros. W. R. Cavell and Greig, also the W. M., have done me the honor of attend-

ing me on visits outside the city on a number of occasions. The lodge has a membership of 200, initiated 20 candidates and had 10 affiliations during the year. Besides assisting the Semi-Centennial Benevolent Fund, the lodge has paid out \$100.00 to other charitable objects. It has an excellent choir. The following were present: W. Bros. D. Grigg, George McQuillan, W. R. Cavell, Dr. R. C. Griffith, John C. Gray and T. G. Malcolm, R. W. Bros. James Glanville, T. R. Stephenson, Simcoe; W. Bros. Ed. Egan, W. H. Osborne, Owasa, Michigan; Tim Barber. I also had the privilege of attending the meeting of this lodge on 20th May, when its twenty-first anniversary was celebrated and a Past Masters' reunion also held. The first degree was worked by the Past Masters. A large and representative gathering was present, including M. W. Bro. Hugh Murray, who, when Grand Master signed the charter of the lodge, also R. W. Bro. A. T. Freed, D. G. M.; M. W. Bros. E. T. Malone, Grand Treasurer; Benjamin Allen, P. G. M.; R. W. Bros. E. M. Carleton, D. D. G. M. Toronto District No. 11; Aubrey White, Harry White, G. J. W.; J. W. Watson, V. W. Bros. H. T. Smith, T. W. Barber, W. Bros. James G. Boyce, W. C. Burt, R. E. Porte, L. E. Lane, H. S. King, H. H. McKague, Tim Barber, W. H. Roberts, R. W. Brennan, W. J. King, B. W. Rowland, W. Bros. D. Grigg, Dr. R. C. Griffith, George McQuillan, A. B. Mitchell, T. G. Malcolm, John C. Gray, visitors.

Doric Lodge, No. 424, Pickering: I visited this lodge under adverse circumstances on the 5th April; the weather was inclement and I was feeling below par. It was the only official visit I made without being attended by some one or more members of Grand Lodge and other brethren. But, in spite of these drawbacks, the meeting proved to be as interesting and attractive as any I attended. The bright, nicely furnished lodge room, the intelligent, earnest Master and officers and the excellent manner in which the third degree was worked made me forget all bodily discomforts. The candidate, Bro. Chapman, was also worthy of mention for the keen and intelligent interest he took in the proceedings. The lodge and if the succeeding Masters are as efficient as is W. Bro. George W. P. Every its future is assured. It has now a membership of forty-one and the dues are well paid up. The fourth degree was very pleasant. There were

present, among others, W. Bros. Dr. Bateman, A. Falconer, George Kerr, George Every, R. E. Johnston, R. S. Lillingham, John Gormley, R. A. Bunting and B. Gormley, Past Masters of the lodge; W. Bros. Thomas Gregg and R. E. Forsyth, and Bros. G. H. Hare, A. B. Dowswell, H. W. Madill and F. W. Dowswell, of Brougham Union Lodge.

Acacia Lodge, No. 430, Toronto: This lodge is a favorite resort for Toronto Masons, due to its hospitality and pleasant situation. I was accompanied by R. W. Bro. Edward B. Brown, P. D. D. G. M.; W. Bros. S. B. Sykes, P. M. of Ionic lodge; J. M. Woodland, W. M., and Arthur Pearson, I. P. M., of Doric lodge, and Bros. Marcus T. Lester, Charles E. Reiner, George T. and Kenneth Bannister, members of the Doric quartette, and Bro. E. R. Bowles, their accompanist, when I visited the lodge on 21st May. The first degree was satisfactorily exemplified by W. Bro. J. W. Johnson and his officers. The work of the Junior Deacon, Bro. J. W. Prestwick, was particularly effective. The affairs of the lodge are in excellent condition and its future is assured. The fourth degree was particularly bright, due to the happy manner in which the W. M. presided. The excellent speeches of R. W. Bros. E. B. Brown and Rev. W. L. Baynes Reed and V. W. Bro. Parsell, W. Bros. S. B. Sykes and J. M. Woodland and others, and the singing of the Doric quartette, were appreciated. The following brethren were present: W. Bro. John Richardson, R. W. Bro. Rev. W. L. Baynes Reed, V. W. Bro. John Parsell, W. Bro. Giles, W. Bro. W. H. Grant, W. Bro. Fitzpatrick, Bro. W. H. Clay, J. W., A. Johnston, S. W., H. Carnahan, J. Zeiman, W. Prestwick, S. Jones, I. G., W. Bro. Brownlee, L. H. Graham, Dr. W. R. Walters, P. M.

The Beaches Lodge, U. D.: I officially visited this, the youngest lodge in the district, on the 12th January, accompanied by W. Bros. G. H. D. Lee, W. M.; Kenneth J. Dunstan, I. P. M. of Ionic, and John Pearson, P. M. of St. Andrew's, when I received a cordial welcome from that good old Masonic veteran, W. Bro. J. McP. Ross, the W. M., and his officers. This lodge held its first meeting on the 6th May, 1905, and installed its first candidate on 10th June, 1905. It had on the day of my visit a membership of forty-six, and has initiated fifteen, with two affiliations. The first degree was impressively

presented to two candidates, accompanied by excellent music from the choir. W. Bro. John McCurrah, a member of this lodge, is one of the best workers in the district. There are no outstanding dues, and there is a balance in the bank of \$290.00. Again I must refer to an efficient Secretary in the person of Bro. W. J. Farmery.

I cannot resist the desire to express the pleasure and satisfaction I feel, and which, I know, is shared by all Canadians, especially by members of the Craft, and more especially by those who belong to the legal profession, over the fact that His Most Gracious Majesty King Edward, Past Grand Master of the Grand Lodge of England, has seen fit to honor our esteemed R. W. Bro. Æmilius Irving, now known as Sir Æmilius Irving, and recognized as the Nestor of the Canadian bar. I need not refer to the prominent part our brother has played in the history of our country or Masonry—it is well known to all. No Canadian deserves recognition at the hands of his sovereign more than Sir Æmilius does; no Canadian can wear the honor with such becoming dignity. Long may he be spared to enjoy it.

Since writing the above report I have received the returns from the various lodges of the district, which appear in the table annexed. I regret I had not the returns before me when writing my report; it would have made a difference; I would have been more lavish with my words of commendation. A close analysis of the returns justifies me in saying that the district was never in such a prosperous condition as it has been during the year. I am proud of it.

I feel constrained to say, in conclusion, that the many favors and kindnesses I have received at the hands of my brethren throughout the district during my term of office, and the forbearance they have shown towards my shortcomings will always be remembered by me with sincerest gratitude.

All of which is respectfully submitted.

FRED. W. HARCOURT, D. D. G. M.,
Toronto East District No. 112.

GRAND LODGE OF A. F. & A. M. OF CANADA IN THE PROVINCE OF ONTARIO.

Table showing the work done in Toronto East District, No. 11A, from June 24th, 1905, to June 24th, 1906.

No. of Lodges.	Name of Lodge.	Location.	Total No. of all Mem. Increase during year	Decrease during year	Mem- bership	Degree's Confr'd	Attentions.	Restorations	Resignations	Suspensions, N. P. D.	Suspensions, other causes	Deaths	Regular	Emergent	Total	Average attendance of members.	Amount paid for relief.	No. of members 12 months in arrears.	Total of all Arrearages.	Date of last G. L. Return.	Financial Standing.	Prospects of Lodge.	Can W. M. work all degrees	Insurance.
16	St. Andrew's	Toronto...	221	5	15	19	18	8	1	1	1	4	10	12	18	57	128 26	22	\$ 151 25	June 24, '05	Good	Good	Yes	Trust
23	Richmond	Richmond Hill	44	4	5	8	7	1	1	1	1	1	12	21	14	20	6 00	9	12 50	June 24, '05	Good	Good	Yes	Trust
25	Ionie	Toronto...	258	6	9	8	18	4	1	1	1	3	9	21	15	34	95 84	4	.....	Dec. 27, '05	Good	Good	Yes	Trust
75	St. John's	Toronto...	289	13	19	13	13	4	1	1	1	3	11	6	17	65	150 00	4	.....	Dec. 31, '05	Excellent	Excellent	Yes	Trust
17	Markin Un.	Markham	69	8	5	9	9	1	1	1	1	1	14	4	18	23	101 00	5	25 50	June 24, '05	Good	Good	Yes	Trust
97	Sharon	Queensville	67	13	11	7	9	8	1	1	1	1	11	3	15	13	30 00	11	31 75	Jan'y 10, '06	Fair	Good	Yes	Trust
99	Tuscan	Newmarket	72	5	5	4	1	1	1	1	1	1	11	3	14	25	20 00	5	20 00	Dec. 27, '05	Good	Good	Yes	Trust
129	Rising Sun	Aurora	76	9	7	4	3	3	1	1	1	1	11	3	14	25	20 00	5	20 00	Dec. 27, '05	Good	Good	Yes	Trust
135	Richardson	Stouffville	61	1	7	5	5	1	1	1	1	1	11	3	14	25	20 00	5	20 00	Dec. 27, '05	Good	Good	Yes	Trust
136	Stevenson	Toronto...	230	1	7	5	5	1	1	1	1	1	11	3	14	25	20 00	5	20 00	Dec. 27, '05	Good	Good	Yes	Trust
220	Zeredatha	Uxbridge	79	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	11	3	14	25	20 00	5	20 00	Dec. 27, '05	Poor	Not Good	Yes	Trust
239	Ring'm Un.	Claremont	57	5	5	4	5	1	1	1	1	1	11	3	14	25	20 00	5	20 00	Dec. 27, '05	Good	Good	Yes	Trust
315	Doric	Toronto...	394	78	85	75	51	15	9	9	1	1	11	3	14	25	20 00	5	20 00	Dec. 27, '05	Good	Good	Yes	Trust
329	Orient	Toronto...	273	15	20	32	19	9	4	4	1	1	11	3	14	25	20 00	5	20 00	June 24, '06	Good	Excellent	Yes	Trust
343	Georgian	Toronto...	242	2	13	13	15	5	1	1	1	1	11	3	14	25	20 00	5	20 00	Jan. 1906	Best	Very Bright	Yes	Trust
351	Arctik	Cannington	68	2	4	6	5	1	1	1	1	1	11	3	14	25	20 00	5	20 00	Dec. 27, '05	Good	Good	Yes	Trust
357	St. George.	Toronto...	258	25	24	26	22	3	4	3	1	1	11	3	14	25	20 00	5	20 00	June 24, '06	Good	Good	Yes	Trust
410	Zeta.	Toronto...	202	18	22	12	20	1	1	1	1	1	11	3	14	25	20 00	5	20 00	June 24, '06	Good	Good	Yes	Trust
424	Doric	Pickering	41	4	3	2	2	1	1	1	1	1	11	3	14	25	20 00	5	20 00	June 24, '06	Fair	Excellent	Yes	Trust
430	Asacle	East Toronto	124	9	11	10	9	4	1	1	1	1	11	3	14	25	20 00	5	20 00	June 24, '06	Good	Good	Yes	Trust
473	The Bee's	Balmby Beach	55	21	23	19	17	1	1	1	1	1	11	3	14	25	20 00	5	20 00	Jan. 1906	Good	Good	Yes	None

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The first official function that I had the pleasure of taking part in was instituting a lodge at Woodville, to be called "Harding." On November 10th I proceeded there, had a look at the surroundings, at their hall, the furniture, regalia, and had a long talk with the principal officers. I had the honor of being accompanied by M. W. Bro. Judge Harding, P. G. M., V. W. Bro. J. W. Wallace, V. Bro. Dr. Wood, of Lindsay, and many others. Visitors were also present from Beaverton, Cannington, Kirkfield, and other places. The lodge room is commodious, well lighted, heated, very well furnished, is owned by the lodge, and everything betokens a bright future for this, the baby lodge of the district. The W. M. designate, W. Bro. Staback, a P. M. of Victoria lodge, Kirkfield, supported by his Wardens and other officers, are very enthusiastic in their work, and the prospects of the lodge are of the best. The Secretary, Bro. P. McIntyre, has the reputation of being a model man for the position. After the opening ceremony no less than 21 applications were received, about whom I made careful enquiries, and am satisfied that they are all good men and true. After the close of the lodge a fine banquet was served, to which the applicants were invited, and also to the meeting that was held afterwards in the lodge room. We had the pleasure of listening to an able address on the Semi-Centennial Fund from M. W. Bro. Harding, and also speeches from many of the brethren and would-be brethren.

On February 7th I had the honor and also pleasure of holding a Lodge of Instruction at Fenelon Falls under the auspices of the Spry Lodge, No. 406. The brethren of The Spry lodge have recently moved into handsome new quarters, and have now, without exception, one of the finest halls outside the cities in the province, and very few cities have better. General surprise was expressed at the convenience and size of the new hall, banquet hall, ante and preparation rooms. Great credit must be given to R. W. Bro. E. Fitzgerald for the work he has done for his lodge in particular and for the Craft in general. He has been a hard worker for years. There were 106 brethren present, among whom were no less than 16 Masters and Past Masters. The lodges represented were Beaverton, Woodville, Sunderland, Kirkfield, Haliburton, Minden, Kinmount, Fenelon Falls, Lindsay and Bobcay-

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Composite Lodge, No. 30, Whitby: W. Bro. Pringle, W. M.; W. Bro. R. S. Cormack, Secretary. I visited this lodge on February 21st and met with a very warm reception. The W. M., W. Bro. Pringle, presided. He and his officers worked the Sublime degree in a perfect manner. Everything was done to make the ceremony as impressive as possible. I had the pleasure of meeting many Past Masters of this lodge, and shall break through my rule in saying that I also met R. W. Bro. Ross, who consecrated my lodge many years ago. I also paid a visit to Bro. Barrett, an old and worthy Mason who has been in distressed circumstances, and is a splendid example of the benefits of the S. C. Fund. I found the hall and other rooms in first-class condition, well laid out, well furnished, and everything provided to conduct the work properly. The work was the M. M. degree, Bro. Bell, the Chief of Police, was the victim, and he will long remember the part that he took in it. He was a splendid candidate. I could not but admire the way in which the work was done. The Secretary's books are perfectly kept, properly audited, dues well paid, and the feeling in "old Whitby town" is very warm towards each other. I had a very pleasant visit and hope that I did some good.

Mount Zion Lodge, No. 39, Brooklin: W. Bro. J. Bright, W. M.; Bro. J. J. Moore, Secretary. I had the pleasure of visiting this lodge on March 14th, and found a large hall, nicely furnished, cosy and well warmed by the kind greeting of many of the brethren. Brooklin is one of the "has beens," but Mount Zion is a very live lodge, is in good hands both as regards the present staff of officers, Past Masters and members. The E. A. degree was conferred upon one of its old members, and the work was well done, the candidate being a very intelligent young man. No fault could be found with the work in any way. This lodge is laboring under the disadvantage of its being in an old settled part of the country, very few coming in but many going out, but the brethren are true to the Craft in every respect. Bro. Moore's books are models, dues well paid, and everything in a very satisfactory condition.

Faithful Brethren Lodge, No. 77, Lindsay: W. Bro. Begg, W. M.; Bro. Corneil, Secretary. I visited this lodge on February 9th. I had the pleasure of seeing the

officers work the E. A. degree at the Lodge of Instruction at Fenelon Falls on February 7th, which was done in an almost perfect manner. I also had the privilege of seeing the M. M. degree worked this evening, and it was also done very well indeed. This lodge is in a very prosperous condition, a large number of good men coming in, and the door is kept well tyled. As previously stated, I shall not mention any officer in particular, either for weal or woe, as all are good. I have visited this lodge in past years and have always found them true and faithful Craftsmen. Dues are well paid, financial standing good, Secretary's books are perfect, general tone of the lodge is of the best, a good general attendance, and I was very much pleased to meet a goodly number of the Past Masters. I enjoyed my visit very much and trust that the remarks that I made will bear fruit.

Lebanon Lodge, No. 139, Oshawa: W. Bro. Dalton, W. M.; Bro. A. R. McLean, Secretary. I visited this lodge on March 13th, and was greeted by a very large number of Past Masters, members and visitors from Cedar lodge. There was also a large delegation of brethren from Whitby, including that veteran, V. W. Bro. Taylor. The Master Mason degree was worked in a faultless manner by the W. M. and his officers, and too much praise cannot be given the officers for their work. This lodge includes among its members R. W. Bro. Punshon, my immediate predecessor, who conducted the musical part of the ceremony with his well known skill, and also took part in the ceremony in a most impressive manner. The Secretary's books are well kept, finances in good shape, dues well paid, and the prospects of this lodge are of the best. I also met my old friend, Bro. Borsbery, with whom I had the pleasure of staying on both my visits. One feature of the work that pleased me was the way in which the candidate had his work up before the Wardens, which preparation I found to be general in the district.

Verulam Lodge, No. 268, Bobcaygeon: W. Bro. Herkmeyer, W. M.; W. Bro. W. J. Reid, Secretary. I visited this lodge on April 6th, and was met at the station by the W. M. and the Secretary. I found a very fine hall, furnished with the best procurable, nicely decorated, but, best of all, filled with a warm hearted set of brethren. This lodge is on the high road to increased

prosperity, is taking in first-class material, is well officered, and the work in the E. A. degree was very well done. Nothing could exceed the kindness and warmth of my reception, and, as usual during my visits, I gave them a heart to heart talk, which I have every reason to believe will bear good fruit. I here met one of my oldest friends, V. W. Bro. C. E. Stewart, a staunch adherent to the Craft and his lodge, and several other old friends, and also the oldest member of the lodge, Bro. J. L. Reid. No visit that I have made has given me greater pleasure than this one, as from what I had heard I was prepared to see a very poor lodge, poor attendance, and everything in very poor shape, but found everything was the reverse. I found the dues fairly well paid, and the Secretary's books perfect.

Cedar Lodge, No. 270, Oshawa: W. Bro. E. W. Drew, W. M.; W. Bro. L. K. Murton, Secretary. I had the pleasure of visiting this lodge on February 23rd, and was the guest of my old friend, Bro. Borsbery. I had also the great pleasure of meeting my immediate predecessor, R. W. Bro. Punshon, many Past Masters, and a large number of brethren, including 14 visitors from Whitby. The work was the Sublime Degree of a Master Mason, in which R. W. Bro. Punshon, assisted by a choir, took the musical part, and R. W. Bro. Ross also took a part. The degree, as in former instances, and at other places, was worked in a faultless manner, and it was a very great pleasure indeed to see the degree worked the way it was. Too much praise cannot be given the various officers. The rooms at Oshawa are very fine indeed, and are a credit to the brethren of this live town. W. Bro. Murton, the Secretary, has his books kept in a perfect manner, dues well paid, and the financial affairs in very good form. The prospects are very good. The brethren of the two lodges, Lebanon and Cedar, view with each other in giving me a very warm welcome, and I was very sorry indeed to say good-bye to them all. I enjoyed my visit very much indeed.

Victoria Lodge, No. 398, Kirkfield: W. Bro. Ross, W. M.; Bro. McClelland, Secretary. Before visiting this lodge I was warned that I should have difficulty in getting away from the clutches of W. Bro. Mosgrove, and the prediction came true. The W. Bro. certainly looked after my interests in every way, and I spent a

very pleasant time with the Secretary. The work was the conferring of the F. C. degree upon a very good candidate, which was done in a manner that no room for fault finding was left. The W. M. and all his officers did themselves proud on the occasion, and worked the degree in a first-class manner. A number of brethren were expected from Fenelon Falls, but through an accident could not be present. I found the books in first-class order, the dues very well paid up, and everything showed that the lodge is in a very prosperous condition. Though not having the membership that they used to have, through removals, yet what they lack in numbers they make up in enthusiasm.

The Spry Lodge, No. 406, Fenelon Falls: W. Bro. McGee, W. M.; R. W. Bro. E. Fitzgerald, Secretary. I visited this lodge on April 4th, and was greeted by a very large number of brethren, including R. W. Bro. Fitzgerald, W. Bros. Dr. Graham, Robson and Nye. This is my mother lodge, and each brother seemed to vie with the other fellow to make my visit pleasant. I enjoyed my visit very much and was only sorry to part. The work was the conferring of the E. A. degree upon one of the local bankers, which was done in a faultless manner by the W. M. and his officers. The prospects of this lodge are of the best. Their beautiful suite of rooms, the furniture, the officers, members, and the crude material upon which to work cannot be excelled in the district. Too much credit cannot be given to the brethren in general, and to R. W. Bro. Fitzgerald in particular, for the enterprise and taste displayed in their new hall. The memory of this visit will ever remain green in my memory.

Murray Lodge, No. 408, Beaverton: W. Bro. Furness, W. M.; W. Bro. N. Rutherford, Secretary. I visited this lodge on January 4th and found a fine new hall, very well furnished, well lighted, heated, and a very large number of brethren present, including some visitors from King Edward lodge, Sunderland. The work was the Sublime degree, which was very well done. Dues are well paid up, financial condition good. attendance very good, and general tone of the lodge is of the best. The Secretary's books are in perfect condition, and I was greatly cheered by the presence of several Past Masters. No fear may be felt for the future of Murray lodge so

long as they have officers and members as at present. I received a very warm welcome from all, and was sorry to leave. I spent the day with the brethren and found them to be true and worthy brothers.

Fidelity Lodge, No. 428, Port Perry: W. Bro. Freeborn, W. M.; W. Bro. Spence, Secretary. I visited this lodge on February 20th, and found a very large number of Past Masters and brethren present to greet me, including a number from a distance. The work for the evening was the E. A. degree, which was rendered in a most excellent manner. Nothing can exceed the good feeling, Masonic and otherwise, existing among the brethren, both in the lodge room and outside. They are in possession of very fine rooms, well laid out, furnished with the best, and have a beautiful, comfortable and complete Masonic home. My visit here was marked by a very warm welcome. The W. M. was in his chair, as were also all his officers, and the veteran Secretary, V. W. Bro. Spence, was also, as usual, on hand. I examined the books and found, as my predecessors had done, everything correct and beautifully kept. The dues are well paid, financial standing very good, and a prosperous time is in store for Fidelity. I had also the pleasure of meeting Past Masters Hutchinson, Davis, Harrison, Swan and Beatty. May their shadows never grow less.

Arcadia Lodge, No. 440, Minden: W. Bro. J. Welch, W. M.; Bro. W. S. Munn, Secretary. I visited this lodge on Friday, May 4th, and as it is my own lodge, I was met by a very large number of brethren. The work was the conferring of the F. C. degree, which was fairly well rendered. This lodge is laboring under the disadvantage of having had no Senior Warden for 11 months, a S. D. who resides 16 miles away, and no J. D. for nine months. Under the circumstances it is impossible to do good work, but as the night of my visit was election night better things may be looked for. The lodge is also handicapped by the size of the hall, but the attendance has always been good. This lodge was one of the first to take up the Semi-Centennial Fund, and has paid its full quota. There is no lodge in the district where the dues are better paid (thanks to the Secretary), where the books are better kept, and where, considering the distance the majority of the members have to travel, that the attendance is any better, and where the Past Masters are

present. Being one of the charter members, it is with feelings of sadness that I bid good-bye to the brethren, feeling sure, however, that I leave it in good hands. I would strongly advise the brethren to be very careful indeed as to the material they bring in, as too much care cannot be exercised in doing so. Good-bye, Arcadia.

Somerville Lodge, No. 451, Kinmount: W. Bro. R. Smith, W. M.; Bro. A. Train, Secretary. I visited this lodge on April 5th, and was greeted by a very large number of Past Masters and members. The work was the conferring of the T. A. degree, which under the circumstances was very well done. A very unpleasant incident occurred during the ceremony, which it is only fair to state the W. M. and Wardens was not in any way responsible for. I have called the attention of the W. M. to this matter, which I trust will never recur again. The W. M. cannot do his part if the junior officers neglect theirs, which was done in this case, and by experienced brethren who ought to have known better. I found the books kept in a perfect condition, dues very well paid up, finances in good shape, and a first-class Secretary attending to his work. The W. M. deserves great credit for his rendition of the work, considering that his time is so fully occupied. He is certainly a most painstaking officer. The Wardens had their work well in hand. I trust that the letter that I wrote to the lodge will have the desired effect. This lodge needs to be very careful as to material they take in, as, if not, the inevitable result will ensue.

North Entrance Lodge, No. 463, Haliburton: W. Bro. S. Johnston, W. M.; Bro. E. E. Jones, Secretary. I visited this lodge on March 23rd, and found a very large attendance, all the Past Masters being present and every officer in his place. The work was the Sublime degree and was perfectly done. Too much praise cannot be given to the officers for their work, which was also mentioned in my report of the Lodge of Instruction at Fencelon Falls. The candidate was an extra good one and had taken full advantage of the instruction given to him. It was a real pleasure to visit this lodge, and when the happy time arrives for them to move into a new hall their cup will be full to overflowing. The prospects are good, and they are determined to keep their portals well and closely tyled. I had the pleasure also of seeing a

perfect set of books, which was what I expected to see from Bro. Jones. I found also that the dues were well paid up and the S. C. Fund had been well attended to. W. Bro. Clarke delivered the charge in a most impressive manner, something never to be forgotten. Haliburton is a beautiful backwoods village, and has every prospect of growing. I was sorry to say good-bye to the brethren.

King Edward Lodge, No. 464, Sunderland: W. Bro. G. C. Beall, W. M.; Bro. Purvis, Secretary. I visited this lodge on January 5th. This is one of the newest lodges of the district, and, as my predecessor had reported, I found everything first-class. A beautiful hall, furnished with the best, well lighted, heated, and good ante-rooms. As at Beaverton, my welcome was very cordial. I found a fine lot of brethren, all harmonious, and a very large attendance to greet me. I cannot mention any officer in particular, as every one was perfect. I spent the day amongst the brethren and got in close touch with every one. Dues are well paid, financial standing good, Secretary's books perfect, and general tone of the lodge is very good. W. Bro. Thompson, I. P. M., was present. After the lodge was closed a very pleasant "at home" was held, at which every brother, married and single, had his lady. A most enjoyable time was spent, a time never to be forgotten.

Harding Lodge, Woodville, U. D.: I had again the pleasure of visiting this, the baby lodge of the district, on May 10th, and, as I expected, I found everything in first-class shape. I have, in another place, made mention of this lodge, and under the guidance of the W. M., W. Bro. Staback, and their worthy Secretary, Bro. McIntyre, no fear need be felt for their future. It was indeed a pleasure to visit these brethren once more, and when the time came to part it was indeed with sad feelings that I did so.

All of which is fraternally submitted.

J. W. WATSON, D. D. G. M.,
Ontario District No. 12.

PRINCE EDWARD DISTRICT NO. 13.

To the Most Worshipful the Grand Master, Officers and Members of the Grand Lodge of A. F. & A. M. of Canada, in the Province of Ontario:

MOST WORSHIPFUL SIR AND BRETHREN:

Unable as I will be to be personally present at Grand Lodge owing to absence in England, I have requested my immediate predecessor, R. W. Bro. Halliwell, from whose past service to the Craft I have profited throughout the year, and our faithful and zealous District Secretary, V. W. Bro. Diamond, to represent me in reading this report for 1905-1906.

If I literally carried out the maxim of the Grand Master, *audi vide tace*, I would simply have to record that I have heard everything of wisdom and of good report, seen everything of strength and beauty, and spoken everything that the kind consideration and sympathetic appreciation of the brethren justified and encouraged during my year of office. If real unity has been cemented, if practical uniformity has been attained, if good seed has been sown and germinated, if a spirit of research has been encouraged, if light has been disseminated, these happy results spring from the hearty co-operation of the brethren of the district, and from the by no means lonely furrows, broad and deep, which those who have previously represented the Grand Master here, have plowed and fertilized. Of Prince Edward District, with its stalwart and chivalrous men of U. E. Loyalist and Bay of Quinte stock, it may well be said that the pioneer work is over—that the superstructure is being erected upon a foundation—"Well made, truly laid, well proved, true and trusty."

The lodges are generally equipped by the loving hands and artistic taste of the brethren, as truly representative of "The House Beautiful," and there is a harmonious recognition also of the two structures involved in the true Masonic creation—

The one is joined in all its parts with cunning works of art,
The other by the ligaments that bind the human heart.

The new lodge opened under dispensation at Bancroft in that true north is a practical illustration of the flowing frontier wave of progress. The loss of their building by fire almost immediately after has evoked the sincerest sympathy of the whole district, and the water used to extinguish the fire has not dampened the ardor of the enthusiastic brethren who have undertaken this arduous labor of love in North Hastings.

The brethren of Tweed lodge have now secured quarters of their own and will realize the impulse always associated with the possession and use of their own Masonic home.

I have visited all the twenty lodges of my district once, some of them twice, with the exception of Madoc lodge, the pleasure of visiting which I have deputed to R. W. Bro. O'Flynn, who is in Madoc "to the manor born." I have found, with possibly one exception, that the lodges not merely reflected their locality, but also gave a tone and earnestness to their locality that is easily recognized by the thoughtful observer. The good citizen is a good Mason, and the good Mason a good citizen. Cobourg lodge membership should be doubled in order to justify its good work as the exponent of a now populous and prosperous centre.

The boundaries between the 13th and 14th Masonic districts have been fraternally obliterated by R. W. Bro. Herrington and myself, and my visits to Union Lodge, Napanee, and Ancient St. John's Lodge, Kingston, are remembered with special pleasure, while the brethren of the 13th were delighted to welcome and honor R. W. Bro. Herrington as more than guest within their confines.

The evening which the Grand Master devoted to the History and Symbolism of Masonry in Belleville will not soon be forgotten, as the occasion of much brotherly good fellowship and as a means of introducing to the brethren an able original contribution to Masonic literature by Bro. Knight of the Belleville, my mother lodge.

R. W. Bro. J. C. Morgan has taken up his residence among us and has inspired both young and old Masons with his eloquent exposition of the tenets and possibilities of the Craft. We need met of enthusiasm to stir the new fires at the old altars and to stimulate in young

Masons the desire for light, the light that socially warms, intellectually shines, and spiritually elevates.

There are eighteen good and efficient Secretaries in P. E. District, many of them Past Masters. Bro. Geo. Keyes, Secretary of Colborne lodge, a lodge that does more good work by fraternal visiting than any other in the district, is worthy of all honor as a veteran entitled to the long service decoration of Masonry.

The Past Masters have evinced a most laudable spirit of activity in nearly all the lodges, and stand steadily shoulder to shoulder as the Boys of the Old Brigade. One memorable military night, when all the chairs were filled by officers of the 16th and 49th regiment, wearing the regalia of the Royal Craft over the King's uniform, stands out as a bright and touching experience and memory.

The Grand Master and the Grand Secretary have throughout the year set an example of courtesy and promptness in their business-like and fraternal replies to all communications.

The Grand Lodge Benevolent Fund has been kept before the brethren by the appeals to their individual and personal privileges, and reciprocal obligations and self-respecting exercise of brotherly deeds of mutual support rather than to their official duty as lodges. Many have responded, many more will respond, and Moira Lodge No. 11 has promised a full contribution representing its full membership in October next. All honor to those brethren who, having first done their duty by their homes, aid in building this permanent monument of Ontario's Masonic beneficence.

Notwithstanding the size of the district and the long distances from center to circumference. I have always been accompanied on my visits by "men of light and leading," who have diffused knowledge, illustrated good comradeship, and kept in touch. May all my successors have a lifeguard of honor, ripe in experience, zealous in good work.

Warkworth lodge has most commendably introduced music into the conferring of their degrees, and all the lodges acknowledge the power and beauty of thus "linking sound with sight and sense" in their social functions, not the least important work of the craftsmen, whose grand design is "to be themselves happy and to com-

municate happiness to others." That the work is but a means to an end, that the candidate must not be left to grope after he rounds out his third degree, that each lodge meeting should be made by forethought satisfying as well as formally correct, is becoming more and more recognized by those brethren who are ready and willing and able to give a reason for the faith that is in them. While the rulers of the Craft continue to impress upon the brethren the dignity and high importance of Freemasonry, while the brethren keep our lodges properly and discriminately tyled, so that each new candidate will be not merely strengthened by, but be a strength to Masonry, and one whom we may delight to meet and greet as friend and brother in all relations of life, while we strive only in that one permissible emulation of Masonry, namely, "who best may work who best agree," we will indeed build perhaps better than we know and will be factors in the development of that grandest human organization to which we month by month and year by year pledge our undivided and continued allegiance.

All of which is fraternally submitted.

W. N. PONTON, D. D. G. M.,

Prince Edward District No. 13.

GRAND LODGE OF A. F. & A. M. OF CANADA IN THE PROVINCE OF ONTARIO.

Table Showing the work done in Prince Edward District, No. 13, from June 24th, 1905, to June 24th, 1906.

Number of Lodge.	NAME OF LODGE.	LOCATION.	Mem-ber-ship		Degree's Conf'd			Affiliations.	Restorations.	Renunciations.	Suspensions.	Suspensions, N. P. D.	Deaths.	Meet-ings held.			Average attendance of members.	Amount paid for relief.	No. of members 12 months in arrears.	Total of all averages.	Date of last G. L. Return.	Financial Standing.	Prospects of Lodge.	Can W. M. work all degrees.	Insurance.
			Increase during year.	Decrease during year.	E. A.	F. G.	M. M.							Regular.	Emergency.	Total.									
11	Motra	Belleville	193	15	16, 17	14	1	8	3	4	1	11	5	17	35	\$47 50	94	\$ 81 00	Dec. 27, '05	Good	Good	Yes	\$400 00		
17	St. John's	Gobourg	88	4	3	4	1	1	1	1	1	14	2	16	20	...	...	75 00	June 24, '05	Good	Good	Yes	500 00
18	Pr Edward	Pictou	247	14	9	11	16	5	1	2	1	13	6	18	47	55 00	2	88 55	Dec. 27, '05	Good	Good	Yes	+500 00		
20	United	Brighton	109	4	10	7	8	...	2	...	...	12	3	15	50	10 00	1	3 00	Dec. 27, '05	Excell'nt	Excell'nt	Yes	700 00
33	Trent	Trenton	106	32	6	18	15	4	1	1	...	12	10	22	10	106 15	5	19 75	June 24, '05	Good	Excell'nt	Yes	800 00		
45	Madoc	Madoc	115	13	4	11	11	8	1	...	...	10	3	13	33	30 00	60	3 00	July, 1905	Good	Good	Yes	1000 00
50	Conse on	Consecon	63	4	4	5	4	1	1	...	...	13	3	16	34	...	13	37 86	.....	.....	Bright	Yes	800 00
59	Stirling	Stirling	65	7	6	5	3	5	1	1	...	13	1	13	31	...	40	251 83	Dec. 27, '05	Fair	Good	Yes	1200 00		
91	Colborne	Colborne	99	7	2	6	6	1	...	...	...	19	4	16	34	87 60	...	...	Dec. 27, '05	Good	Good	Yes	1500 00
124	Belleville	Belleville	171	19	3	18	14	13	1	1	...	11	5	16	40	35 00	13	154 00	Dec. 27, '05	Good	V'y Bright	Yes	Jointly		
126	Old n Rule	Campbellford	58	10	5	8	5	5	2	...	...	12	3	15	16	...	8	40 00	June 24, '06	Good	Good	Yes	500 00
127	Frank	Frankford	90	7	8	7	3	2	2	1	...	12	12	23	25	65 00	14	25 75	Jan. 12, '06	\$ 105 47	Good	Good	Yes	550 00	
161	Percy	Warkworth	90	6	8	8	7	9	2	1	...	14	3	17	29	...	7	88 50	Dec. 24, '05	Good	Good	Yes	950 00		
164	Starin East	Wellingtton	106	21	25	19	13	5	1	...	...	19	6	18	32	16 00	16	60 00	Dec. 27, '05	Good	Good	Yes	1'00 00
215	Lake.	Aurora	129	6	2	4	3	3	...	...	...	11	3	13	30	...	6	30 15	Dec. 27, '05	Fair	Good	Yes	300 00
232	Marmora	Marmora	76	13	6	6	4	3	...	...	...	11	1	14	15	25 00	14	88 00	Dec. 27, '05	Good	Good	No	1000 00
239	Tweed	Tweed	90	13	11	10	9	9	11	1	13	16	70 10	\$ 750 39	Good	Good	Yes	Jointly	
243	Eureka	Belleville	76	9	4	5	3	3	1	1	...	11	1	13	16	14 00	17	51 35	Dec. 27, '05	Good	Bright	Yes	Jointly		
401	Craig	Deseronto	63	11	9	8	8	2	...	...	...	13	4	17	30	10 00	30	260 00	Dec. 27, '05	Good	Good	Yes	800 00
U.D.	Bancroft	Bancroft	12	3	3	...	...	...	...	...	...	1	1	2	8	...	...	...	.....	Fair	Good	No	150 00

FRONTENAC DISTRICT NO. 14.

*To the Most Worshipful the Grand Master, Officers and
Members of the Grand Lodge of A. F. & A. M.
of Canada, in the Province of Ontario :*

MOST WORSHIPFUL SIR AND BRETHREN :

I have the honor to present to you herewith my report upon the condition of Masonry in the Frontenac District for the year ending June 24th, 1906. It was with no small degree of misgiving that I assumed the duties of the office of District Deputy Grand Master of this old district, which in many respects is entitled to be styled the cradle of Canadian Masonry.

Many of my immediate predecessors were men who had devoted a great deal of time to the study of the history of the Craft, and had for years taken an active part in the proceedings of Grand Lodge. Their ripened experience and knowledge of all things appertaining to the welfare of the Craft equipped them to a degree I felt myself unable to attain. Compared with such I felt myself a novice.

To receive the unanimous vote of the representatives of this district upon the occasion of my first visit to Grand Lodge was an honor I could not fail to appreciate, and I most sincerely thank the brethren of the district for the confidence they reposed in me upon that occasion.

I have, in my weak way, done my best to live up to their expectations. Fortunately for me the duties involving upon me have been very light. I have visited every lodge in the district except one. The reason for not visiting that one are set forth in my report upon that lodge. I have, in accordance with the request of the M. W. the Grand Master, endeavored to impress upon the various lodges the importance of contributing liberally to the Semi-Centennial Fund, and I think the returns will show that they have done fairly well in this respect.

As to the several lodges visited by me I beg to report as follows:

Lorne Lodge, No. 404, Tamworth: My first official

visit was paid to this lodge. The roads were bad, and the chilly November weather was such as would, I fear, under like circumstances, induce the ordinary townsman to forget all about his summons to a lodge meeting. I was agreeably surprised to be greeted by 25 enthusiastic Masons. The comfortable and well furnished lodge room and the excellent work I witnessed were sufficient to explain the good attendance. I can heartily endorse all the good things my predecessors have reported concerning Lorne lodge. W. Bro. Kennedy is a worthy successor to the well-skilled Masters who preceded him, and is ably supported by the officers of his lodge.

Westport Lodge, No. 441, Westport: I visited this lodge on December 1st. When I consider the efficient Past Masters who are in close touch with the lodge I am not satisfied that the officers are doing as good work as they should. I did not have to go far to find the cause. They have drifted into the very careless habit of disregarding the hour named in the summons for opening their meetings, and as a rule it is 9 o'clock before they assemble. No argument is necessary to demonstrate the inevitable result of such a practice. The finances of the lodge are in a good condition, their room is well furnished, and the brethren are entertaining and sociable. If they act upon my suggestion, and open their lodge regularly and promptly at an earlier hour, my successor will, I am sure, find a great improvement in the work.

Albion Lodge, No. 109, Harrowsmith: My visit to this lodge was upon the occasion of their election of officers in December. The lodge room was well filled, some of the brethren travelling fifteen or twenty miles in order to be present. The W. M. had recently left the neighborhood, but his place was ably filled by W. Bro. Dr. Lockhart, who continues to take an active interest in the lodge. R. W. Bro. Wartman appears, from the register, to be a regular attendant, and the interest manifested by him and the other Past Masters has a most beneficial influence upon the entire membership. Frequently we find Past Masters too ready to retire after having completed their term in the East. This naturally discourages those who have not been so honored by their brethren, and is a very improper return for the confidence that has been placed in them. In every respect Albion is in a prosperous condition, and although no

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not speak in too high praise of the standing of this lodge. The members are selected principally from good old U. E. Loyalist stock, and in appearance and intellect will hold their own with any lodge in the district. The officers are well skilled and are doing magnificent work. They have paid to the Semi-Centennial Fund more than was asked from them. In every respect I can testify to the efficiency of Maple Leaf.

Minden Lodge, No. 253, Kingston: This lodge is well officered, but the members are not giving them the support they deserve. I do not confine this criticism to the ordinary members, but to the Past Masters as well. They are able men, highly respected in business and social circles, and their example to the other brethren is having a bad effect upon the attendance. This is due to carelessness and not to any disrespect to the officers, as they are capable men and held in the highest esteem by the lodge. In every other respect Minden may confidently be relied upon to maintain the good reputation it has justly earned.

Union Lodge, No. 9, Napanee: November 28, 1905, will ever be remembered as a red letter day in the annals of Union lodge. Two hundred and fifty Masons from different parts of the 13th and 14th districts, assembled in Napanee to participate in a Lodge of Instruction. Among the distinguished guests were M. W. Bro. James H. Burritt, Grand Master; R. W. Bro. J. C. Morgan, of Barrie; R. W. Bros. W. N. Ponton and E. E. O'Flynn, of Belleville; R. W. Bro. J. C. Halliwell, of Sterling; R. W. Bro. Abram Shaw, of Kingston; R. W. Bros. G. A. Aylesworth and Robert Longmore, of Newburgh, and R. W. Bro. Wartman, of Colebrook. The three degrees were exemplified by representatives from different lodges in the district, and the most exacting critic would have found it difficult to suggest an improvement in any part of the work. At the conclusion of the Lodge of Instruction a sumptuous banquet was tendered M. W. Bro. Burritt and the visiting brethren at which elevating and instructive speeches were delivered. My official visit was made on February 9th, in company with R. W. Bro. Lieut.-Col. Ponton, of the 13th District, with whom I have exchanged visits on many occasions during my term of office. The most cordial relation exists between these two adjoining districts, and I desire to acknowledge

the great benefit I have derived from these fraternal courtesies extended by R. W. Bro. Ponton. Union lodge is well officered and is doing a magnificent work.

The Ancient St. John's Lodge, No. 3, Kingston: I visited this lodge on March 1st, and had the pleasure of being accompanied by R. W. Bro. Ponton, D. D. G. M. of the 13th district. R. W. Bro. Waddell, D. D. G. M. of the 15th district, also came to Kingston to attend this meeting, but an hour before the lodge opened he was summoned home on professional business, much to the disappointment of the Kingston brethren. This lodge has for years enjoyed the reputation of doing excellent work, and under the able direction of W. Bro. Farrell and his officers that reputation is not likely to suffer during 1906. The first degree was conferred in a most satisfactory manner.

Elysian Lodge, No. 212, Garden Island: Owing to the open winter I deferred my intended visit to this lodge until I thought I could cross the bay in safety, and finally arranged to go over in company with several of the Kingston brethren on March 5th. A thaw occurred a few days before that date, and I was reluctantly obliged to forego the pleasure of meeting the Island brethren. I have received excellent reports about this lodge, especially from R. W. Bro. Minnes, who was so pleased with the reception accorded him that he volunteered to accompany me upon my visit. I sincerely regret that I was unable to meet these brethren in their own lodge room.

Leeds Lodge, No. 201, Gananoque: No lodge in the district shows greater evidence of prosperity than this. Everything is in good order and up to date. The officers understand their duties and take pleasure in the performance of them. A full orchestra of good musicians lends a charm to the work and makes the meetings more attractive than they otherwise would be. I cannot single out any one officer or any special feature for comment. I was pleased and delighted with all I witnessed. R. W. Bro. Skinner continues to assist and encourage the brethren of Leeds lodge, and his enthusiasm appears to be contagious.

Victoria Lodge, No. 299, Centreville: My visit to this lodge unfortunately fell upon the same date as a snow storm, and the weather was accordingly most disagreeable, yet about twenty members assembled. I regret to

report that the W. M. was not present, and I have received no satisfactory explanation of his absence. Among the visitors present were R. W. Bro. Longmore, of Prince of Wales Lodge, Newburg, and W. Bro. Gerow, of Union lodge, Napanee. W. Bro. Carscallen is a regular attendant, and often at great personal inconvenience to himself. Assisted by the visiting brethren he conferred the third degree upon a son of W. Bro. Cox. The candidate was particularly well prepared, and the work was done in a creditable manner. The candidate, at the conclusion of the ceremony, was presented with a handsome gold locket by his brethren, as he was to leave in a few days for the Northwest.

Rideau Lodge, No. 460, Seeley's Bay: I visited this lodge on April 3rd, accompanied by R. W. Bro. Skinner, W. Bro. Black, W. Bro. Graham, and other members of Leeds Lodge, Gananoque. W. Bro. Gardiner is a painstaking officer, and with the other members deserves great credit for the rapid progress made in furnishing and equipping their new lodge room. If the subordinate officers were all as zealous and regular in attendance as the W. M. the success of the lodge would be greater still. A number of the members live several miles from the village, and doubtless find it very inconvenient to go to lodge after a hard day's work. This difficulty is, in my opinion, aggravated by the habit of opening the lodge at an hour so late that the members cannot reach their respective homes until long after their regular bedtime. I sincerely hope an effort will be made to overcome this drawback.

Prince of Wales Lodge, No. 146, Newburgh: Accompanied by a number of brethren from Union Lodge, No. 9, I visited this lodge on April 30th. The membership is small, and a number of those upon the roll are non-residents, yet the regular meetings are fairly well attended and the officers are able to perform their work. R. W. Bros. G. Anson Aylesworth and Robert Longmore are faithful supporters of this lodge and set a worthy example to the younger members. W. Bro. Miller conferred the third degree, after which a pleasant social evening was spent around a well laden banquet table.

Simpson Lodge, No. 157, Newboro: My round of official visits was brought to a happy conclusion on June 5th, which was spent with the brethren of Simpson lodge.

W. Bro. Johnson, who has been re-elected Master for the fourth term, is held in the highest esteem by the brethren, and is worthy of the confidence reposed in him. At this meeting I was pleased to have the opportunity of renewing my acquaintance with R. W. Bro. Dargavel and R. W. Bro. Lewis, who continue to manifest a lively interest in the welfare of their mother lodge. Simpson lodge is in good hands, and I can safely predict for it a prosperous career.

I may add that nowhere in the district have my services been required to settle any disputes or adjust any differences. Perfect harmony prevails, not only among the various lodges, but also among the brethren of the several lodges under my jurisdiction.

I have on every occasion been accorded that respect due to the office I feel I have unworthily filled, and the brethren have all evinced a desire to demonstrate their affection for the Craft and their loyalty to those in authority. Above every other object sought to be attained by me, I have endeavored, to the best of my ability, to impress upon the brethren the importance of practicing our doctrines in our daily lives, and I sincerely trust and believe that my efforts in this direction have not been in vain.

I desire to acknowledge my gratitude to the M. W. the Grand Master for his gracious visit to my mother lodge at the Lodge of Instruction held in November last.

From R. W. Bro. Lieut.-Col. Ponton, of the 13th District, I have received material assistance from our frequent exchange of visits. His eloquent addresses have delighted all the gatherings we have visited together, and to the W. M's and brethren throughout the district I wish to express my thanks for the loyalty they have shown to the Grand Lodge, and for the many acts of courtesy they have shown to me. I can assure them all that I have deeply appreciated the warm welcome they invariably extended to me, and shall ever remember their kindness and good will, which I trust I may continue to merit by doing all in my power to further their interests.

While the past year has been a most satisfactory one in this district, yet one sad event has struck deeply into the hearts of all Masons, not only in this district, but throughout the entire Masonic world. Through the lamented death of M. W. Bro. Walkem we have lost one

of our boldest champions. He was a distinguished scholar, a leader in his profession, a bulwark in the church to which he belonged, and a kind-hearted and polished gentleman. The loss is one we deeply deplore, and as I stood beside the casket containing all that was mortal of our dear departed brother, I felt that we, particularly in this district, had lost a counsellor and friend whose place it will be very difficult to fill. May we ever cherish his memory in our hearts by trying to emulate his good example. I have the honor to be,

Yours fraternally,

W. S. HERRINGTON, D. D. G. M.,
Frontenac District No. 14.

GRAND LODGE OF CANADA.

GRAND LODGE OF A. F. & A. M. OF CANADA IN THE PROVINCE OF ONTARIO.

Table showing the work done in Frontenac District, No. 14, from June 24th, 1903, to June 24th, 1904.

Number of Lodge.	NAME OF Lodge.	LOCATION.	Mem- bership.		F. A.	F. C.	M. M.	Meet- ings held.			Average attendance of members.	Amount paid for relief.	No. of members 12 months in arrears.	Total of all Arrears.	Date of last G. L. Return.	Financial Standing.	Prospects of Lodge.	Can W. M. work all degrees.	Insurance.
			Total No. of all Mem.	Increase during year.	Decrease during year.			Regular.	Emergency.	Total.									
3	A. St. John's	Kingston	163	10	18	14	8	419	9	91	96	210	3	\$ 28	Dec. 27, '03	Good	Good	Yes	\$ 207 00
9	Union	Napies	117	11	11	9	11	915	6	91	40	70	23	81	June, 1903.	Good	Good	Yes	700 00
92	Cataraqui	Kingston	155	7	7	7	5	19	13	35	35	150	5	250	Dec. 27, '03	Excellent	V. Good	Yes	1000 00
109	Albion	Harrow	73	4	7	7	3	10	1	16	16	5	17	76	Dec. 27, '03	Good	Good	Yes	600 00
119	Maple Leaf	Bath	57	10	9	8	7	133	13	93	93	...	7	30	June 24, '03	Good	Right	Yes	Yes
146	P. of Wales	Newburgh	41	1	1	2	2	10	1	11	13	80	5	14	Dec. 27, '03	Solvent	Good	Yes	100 00
157	Simpson	Newboro'	69	6	3	4	3	14	1	15	16	...	31	69	June 24, '03	Good	Good	Yes	600 00
201	Leeds	Gawarquo	147	9	16	13	3	10	10	20	41	...	15	97	Dec. 27, '03	Good	Good	Yes	...
212	Elysian	Garden Island	23	3	2	1	1	6	5	11	10	...	5	9	June, 1903	Good	Fair	Yes	...
228	Pr. Arthur	Odesa	43	5	3	1	1	13	1	13	19	5	8	18	Jan. 15, '03	Good	Good	Yes	Yes
253	Minden	Kingston	91	9	9	1	1	13	1	15	17	90	6	107	June 24, '03	Good	Poor	Yes	250 00
299	Victoria	Centreville	33	3	3	3	3	18	3	15	11	155	17	107	July 14, '03	Fair	Fair	Yes	200 00
404	Orme	Tamworth	59	13	14	12	12	13	7	20	18	10	3	25	June 24, '03	Good	Good	Yes	...
441	Westport	Westport	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	No return	received.	Good	Yes	800 00
460	Rideau	Seeley's Bay	55	7	1	6	7	112	3	15	14	...	...	...	Mar. 16, '03	Good	Good	Yes	...

ST. LAWRENCE DISTRICT, NO. 15.

*To the Most Worshipful the Grand Master, Officers and
Members of the Grand Lodge of A. F. & A. M.
of Canada, in the Province of Ontario:*

MOST WORSHIPFUL SIR AND BRETHREN:

In completing my duties as inspector of the work in the 15th Masonic District, I submit for your consideration my official report on the condition and progress of Freemasonry in St. Lawrence District for the past Masonic year ending June 30th, 1906.

Having had the honor and pleasure of representing the Grand Master in St. Lawrence District during the said term, I wish at the outset to express my thanks to the brethren of the district, and especially to those who were assembled at Hamilton, Ont., in July, 1905, for having unanimously elected me to fill the high and responsible position of D. D. G. M. on the semi-centennial anniversary of our beloved order, at the largest assembly ever held within the walls of Grand Lodge. In accepting this office I felt that I was undertaking a very important and responsible work, and I feel now that I have failed to discharge the duties of the position in the manner which I should have done. Trusting, however, that the brethren of this important district will overlook my shortcomings and accept my most hearty thanks for honors conferred upon me.

I have visited every lodge in my district at least once (some of them more) during the year, and at each visit I had the lodge opened and closed in the three degrees, as well as observing the other work of the evening, and afterwards gave the brethren a short address on Freemasonry and the duties which Masons owe to the Craft, to their lodge, and humanity.

Masonry in St. Lawrence District is in a very progressive and excellent condition. The lodges are ruled by capable Masters, who are supported by well and truly tried Past Masters and faithful subordinate officers, and I believe all the lodges are endeavoring to comply with

the regulations of Grand Lodge. The best Masonic feeling prevails, peace and harmony exist, and most of the lodges have shown a decided increase in membership.

Complying as closely as possible with the instructions received from the Grand Secretary, M. W. Bro. Hugh Murray, I shall observe brevity and avoid to the best of my ability all reference to unimportant details.

I have endeavored to impress upon the various lodges in the district the importance of becoming proficient in every detail so that uniformity and perfection in the work might be accomplished. The majority of the lodges in this district have had a fair amount of work during the year, and the manner in which the general business is conducted, and degrees conferred, is very creditable and satisfactory. It is also gratifying to see an increased attention being paid to the preparation of candidates, and I have particularly advised that no brother should receive a higher degree until he had committed to memory the obligation of the preceeding degree and was made proficient in the lecture of those through which he had already passed, for it is a duty that we should so prepare those whom we admit within our portals that they may with credit to themselves and their lodge be able to work their way as a visitor into any lodge.

My first official act, by authority of the M. W. the Grand Master, was a letter to the various subordinate lodges in the district in reference to the necessity of every lodge obtaining a dispensation from the Grand Master for all Masonic functions either with or without regalia.

GENERAL RECOMMENDATIONS.

I found in a few lodges the practice still prevails of reading the charges to candidates, which is part of the work of the Master, and it should be delivered by him or a P. M. from the East.

If the Master in any lodge where this prevails would set the example of delivering them his successor in office would endeavor not to be behind him in that respect; but, if he finds it impossible to do this himself he should ask a P. M., or preferably the I. P. M., to perform the duty on his behalf.

I would suggest that in each lodge some well qualified P. M., who would undertake to get up thoroughly the installation ceremony, for in some lodges this work is

slovenly and carelessly done, and the officers installed have in consequence little or no knowledge of the beauty and solemnity of the ceremony.

BY-LAWS.

On the 14th of October, 1905, I received from Lansdowne Lodge, No. 387, Lansdowns, for approval of the M. W. the Grand Master, an amendment to the by-laws, which were duly approved of and confirmed by the M. W. the Grand Master.

HEALING.

April 18th, 1906, by dispensation, I healed Bro. John Osmond in Sussex Lodge, No. 5, A. F. & A. M., G. R. C., Brockville, Ont.

DISPENSATIONS.

During the year I have granted the following dispensations, viz.: St. Francis Lodge, No. 24, meeting at Smith's Falls, Ont., to hold a District Lodge of Instruction, clothed as Masons, July 17th, 1906; Rising Sun Lodge, No. 85, Athens, to attend divine service June 24th, 1906; Merrickville Lodge, No. 55, Merrickville, to attend divine service June 24th, 1906; Sussex Lodge, No. 5, Brockville, to attend divine service June 17th, 1906; St. Francis Lodge, No. 24, Smith's Falls, to attend divine service June 24th, 1906; Harmony Lodge, No. 370, Delta, to attend divine service June 24th, 1906.

SUSPENSIONS.

I received notice from the Secretary of Merrickville Lodge, No. 55, that Bro. Robert Soper, of said lodge, had been suspended for non-payment of dues, and in accordance therewith notified the Grand Secretary of the same.

GRIEVANCES.

During my official term I am sorry to report that a charge was preferred against a brother by a W. brother for unmasonic conduct and violation of his obligation, but I am pleased to say that matters have been amicably settled and peace restored. I also met with two other frictions in the district, but am led to hope that they have been prudently and fraternally adjusted.

DISTRICT LODGE OF INSTRUCTION.

By dispensation a largely attended, interesting, and very successful District Lodge of Instruction was held in the Masonic hall, Smith's Falls, Ont., on the afternoon and evening of January 17th, 1906. The arrangements for the meeting and entertainment of the visiting brethren were entrusted to and under the sanction of St. Francis Lodge, No. 24, Smith's Falls. The attendance was large and very representative, every lodge in the district furnishing its quota, some 230 brethren being present. The lodge was opened in the first degree at 2.30 p. m., W. Bro. H. A. Ross, W. M., presiding in the East. R. W. Bros. W. H. Waddell and A. M. Fulton, D. D. G. M's for St. Lawrence No. 15 and Eastern District No. 21, were respectively introduced and received with honors due their rank. The M. W. the Grand Master, Bro. James H. Burritt, K. C., of Pembroke, Ont., was introduced by R. W. Bros. Houston and Watchorn and received with the grand honors due his exalted rank, after which he assumed the gavel and addressed the brethren. At this session an "initiation" was exemplified by the officers of Mount Zion Lodge, No. 28, Kemptville, Ont., after which a very interesting and instructive discussion took place, when all questions of importance were ably explained and answered by the M. W. the Grand Master.

At the evening session a "passing" was exemplified by the officers of Sussex Lodge, No. 5, and Salem Lodge, No. 368, Brockville, Ont., and a "raising" by the officers of Merrickville Lodge, No. 55, Merrickville, Ont. The work in each degree was exemplified by the several lodges in a highly creditable and satisfactory manner and could not fail to prove interesting and instructive to the very large number of brethren present at both sessions.

The presence of the Grand Master, M. W. Bro. James H. Burritt, K. C., who received a most enthusiastic and cordial reception from the brethren, no doubt contributed much to render the meeting successful and enjoyable by his sociable manner and valuable advice, and I here desire to acknowledge the obligation I am under to the officers and members of St. Francis Lodge, as well as R. W. Bro. Houston, for the excellent arrangements which they had made for the meeting and the handsome manner

in which they entertained the visiting brethren, and in this connection I might say that it is too much to expect any one subordinate lodge to defray the expenses incurred in entertaining such large representative meetings, for surely the benefits received by the delegates should recompense them for incidental expenses, but in making a proposition to appeal to the various subordinate lodges for assistance the W. M. and Secretary most emphatically declined the proffered aid.

SEMI-CENTENNIAL BENEVOLENT FUND.

Regarding this fund, I sent circulars to the W. M.'s of the various lodges in the district, but am sorry to say that it has not received the unanimous support of the brethren, and despite the heroic efforts put forth by the P. D. D. G. M. and District Committee I was surprised to learn from Grand Lodge reports that there still remained in St. Lawrence District five lodges from which nothing had been paid in its behalf; but, as requested by the M. W. the Grand Master, I, at each official visit, explained its aim and object as best I could, making an urgent and strong appeal to the Craft of this 15th district in behalf of this worthy and laudable cause. Whenever any misunderstanding existed as to the purpose of this fund, the need of it, and the way in which it was to be distributed, I have made a special effort to place the matter before the brethren in as clear and truthful a light as I possibly could, and I feel assured, M. W. Sir, that my labors will not be in vain. If each lodge will do its duty this noble monument of gratitude will be erected as a credit to Grand Lodge and a blessing to many of our needy, worthy brethren and their dependents.

DEATHS.

The brethren of St. Lawrence District have several times during the year been warned of the necessity of serious thoughts regarding the inevitable destiny of man.

On the 22nd day of April, 1906, there passed to his final rest W. Bro. James W. Crate, of St. Francis Lodge, No. 24, Smith's Falls, being buried with honors due his rank by the members of the Craft.

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my official visit to this lodge on the evening of March 6th, 1906. The attendance was very good, and having no degrees to be conferred I requested the several openings and closings to be proceeded with, and if possible would like to see the exemplification of the third degree by the W. M. and his new staff of officers, which was performed in a very capable and efficient manner. W. Bro. Hicks seems to realize his responsibilities, performing his duties with an earnest and impressive dictation, being ably supported by an extra staff of officers, whom I am confident will perfect themselves in the work and as a result be elected to the East in due time. Financially this lodge is in good standing, the dues being well collected, having for its Secretary a painstaking official in the person of R. W. Bro. Geo. B. Magee, whose books are well kept, and the same may be said of R. W. Bro. Watchorn, its staunch and reliable Treasurer. As an incentive to the W. M. and officers of this lodge, I was pleased to meet in the East R. W. Bros. Watchorn and Magee, V. W. Bro. Dunlop, and W. Bros. Angus, Postlethwaite, Davis, and I. P. M. Johnston. In its contribution to the Semi-Centennial Benevolent Fund this lodge has done fairly well, and I predict a good response in the near future in aid of this heaven-born cause.

St. Francis Lodge, No. 24, Smith's Falls, Ont.: W. Bro. Hugh A. Ross, W. M. The occasion of my official visit was to this flourishing lodge on 9th of March, 1906. There was a good attendance of members and a few visitors, the latter including R. W. Bros. Watchorn and Magee, of No. 55, Merrickville, and a brother from Hibernia Lodge, No. 3, St. Johns, New Brunswick. There seems to be a very fine spirit pervading this lodge, which, I think, is largely owing to the untiring energy of R. W. Bro. Houston, who has been for years their efficient Secretary, whose books are a model of perfection, as well as those of their Treasurer, W. Bro. R. Hawkins. The dues are well paid up, the financial standing is first-class, and the future prospects of this lodge encouraging, while the members seem to be enthusiastic in behalf of the Semi-Centennial Benevolent Fund. The first degree was exemplified for my inspection by the officers in a very satisfactory and ritualistic manner, but from the quality of the work rendered and lateness of the hour I did not ask the W. M. to open and close in the higher de-

grees, feeling satisfied that the W. M. and officers were quite capable. The Junior Warden's lecture on the tracing board was very well rendered by Bro. J. R. Lavell. The W. M. and officers of this lodge are keeping the work up to the high standard which it has held in the past, and can safely say that the work is not surpassed by any lodge in the district. The fourth degree was exemplified at the close of the meeting, the usual toasts were proposed and responded to, which proved not the least interesting of a very pleasant evening.

St. James Lodge, No. 74, Bethel: W. Bro. S. D. Walker, W. M. I visited this old and well known lodge on the evening of March 12th, 1906, and was tendered a cordial and enthusiastic welcome. There were 25 members and quite a number of visitors present. The first degree was conferred upon two candidates who were in waiting, as well as a passing. The work was presented in a correct manner, or very nearly so, and it was the first time that the W. M. had conferred the degrees, which showed that he had given it his undivided attention. The Wardens and Senior Deacon performed their part in a creditable manner. This lodge has a number of Past Masters, of whom I was pleased to meet at above date W. Bros. A. P. Bissell, R. Edwards, W. W. Collier, C. B. Murray, A. D. McDougall and I. P. M. G. A. Marshall, and W. Bro. A. S. Knapp, of Sussex Lodge, No. 5, Brockville. This lodge has contributed fairly well in aid of the Semi-Centennial Benevolent Fund, and have promised to be second to none in St. Lawrence District in doing their duty in aid of this worthy cause. The arrearage of dues is light, and the building is owned by the members, with no liabilities, and future prospects good, having a steady increase in membership. A very nice banquet followed the closing of lodge about 12 o'clock, when the usual toasts were proposed and responded to in short pithy speeches, making altogether a most happy and enjoyable fourth degree.

Sussex Lodge, No. 5, Brockville: W. Bro. John A. Derbyshire, W. M., and Salem Lodge, No. 368, Brockville: W. Bro. H. H. Clark, W. M. The date of my official visit to these lodges was made at an emergent union meeting on the evening of March 21st, 1906. In their magnificent and beautifully furnished lodge room were assembled upward of 200 members and visitors.

The W. M's and officers of both lodges are painstaking, and quite competent to perform the duties of their respective offices. R. W. Bro. Geo. K. Dewey and W. Bro. E. A. Geiger, the respective Secretaries of these lodges, are zealous, competent, and painstaking officers, the books of whom are kept in first-class order. The arrearages of dues are comparatively light, while the response to the call in aid of the Semi-Centennial Benevolent Fund has been fairly good, but promising to do better in the future. Financial standing is good, with a steady increase in membership. The first degree was conferred upon a candidate by the officers of both lodges in a very impressive and ritualistic manner, and from evidence exhibited the W. M's and officers are capable of performing their duties in an intelligent and impressive manner. I was much pleased to meet R. W. Bros. Jackson and Dewey, as well as W. Bros. Storey, Mowatt, Hamson, Graham, Laidlaw, Geiger, Roth and others. The musical organization of these lodges will rank as second to none in St. Lawrence District, and lends much to the impressiveness exemplified in our beautiful ceremonies. After closing, the fourth degree was sumptuously exemplified, when the usual toasts and responses were exchanged, intermingled with vocal and instrumental selections from several brethren, when the J. W's toast and singing "Auld Lang Syne" brought this enthusiastic fraternal meeting to an end.

Macoy Lodge, No. 242, Mallorvtown: W. Bro. Gilbert Root, W. M. I had the pleasure of visiting this lodge at an emergent meeting on the evening of April 4th, 1906. There was a fine attendance of members, about 35 being present. The second degree was exemplified by the officers in a very creditable manner, and judging from the work rendered I feel satisfied that the best interests of the lodge are in good hands. The lodge room is owned by the members, dues well collected, and financial standing good. The charge given on the tracing board by the S. W. was well and impressively rendered. I would suggest that the subordinate offices be filled by young, active and capable members, getting them schooled for higher offices in due time, giving the Past Masters a well-earned rest, or use them as an occasional spare if necessary. I was met and escorted from the depot by my worthy and respected friend, W. Bro. Joseph

Lane, M. D., and W. Bro. Gilbert Root, W. M., being most hospitably entertained by W. Bro. Lane and his estimable wife at his beautiful home during my prolonged stay until the next day. This lodge is in a healthy financial condition, and its members enthusiastic Masons. After explaining the nature and object of the Semi-Centennial Benevolent Fund to the members as best I could; they agreed to do their part in this urgent and heaven-born cause in aid of our worthy afflicted brethren and their dependents. I had the pleasure of meeting W. Bros. Lane, H. Mallory, J. C. Raphael, S. A. Guild, C. Mallory, M. E. Guild and others, spending an enjoyable evening.

Lansdowne Lodge, No. 387, Lansdowne: W. Bro. S. C. Horton, W. M. My official visit to this lodge was made on the evening of April 5th, 1906, and was hospitably received and entertained. The first degree was conferred in an able and impressive manner by the W. M., who seems to realize his responsibilities, and is well supported by his officers. The charge given by the J. W. on the tracing board was rendered in an emphatic and able manner, which is seldom excelled. I had the W. M. open and close the lodge in the three degrees. The dues are well collected and the Secretary's books are well kept. Peace and harmony prevail amongst the brethren, with the future of this lodge prosperous and bright. and as this lodge carries no insurance I advised the W. M. to attend to this matter in order to secure themselves from loss by fire. The present lodge room, for which they pay rent, is inadequate to accommodate their increasing membership, and as they have considerable to their credit in the hands of the Treasurer I advised that they make an effort to obtain suitable quarters of their own. To the Semi-Centennial Benevolent Fund this lodge had contributed but little, and as I tried to explain its nature and object they became more interested in the effort to make it a success in the jurisdiction of Ontario, promising to do better in the future. I had the pleasure of meeting W. Bros. J. M. Shaw, M. D., Macdonald, Darling, Johnston and J. A. Bradley, Sen.

Harmony Lodge, No. 370, Delta: W. Bro. C. C. Copland, W. M. My visit to this lodge was made on the evening of April 11th, 1906. The attendance was small, owing to the condition of the roads, only 13 being pres-

ent. The W. M. and officers, although young, are capable of performing the work. Owing to the absence of the brother eligible for advancement, another brother kindly offered himself in this capacity, when the second or Fellowcraft degree was conferred in creditable manner by the W. M. and officers. By request the W. M. opened and closed in the three degrees in a correct and satisfactory manner. The nicely furnished and capacious lodge room which is second to none in the district (excepting Brockville), is owned by the members. The books of the Secretary, Bro. J. W. Russell, are in good order, and the dues are well collected. To the members of this lodge who had not yet contributed their mite in aid of the S. C. B. Fund, I explained the nature and object of the scheme as best I could, beseeching them to consider this matter as to their duties in relation to their worthy, afflicted and indigent brethren and their dependents, the Grand Master, and to the world, trusting that they and other members of the Craft would consummate my ardent desire in having St. Lawrence District well to the front in paying its quota in aid of this heaven-born cause in July, 1906. It was a pleasure to meet W. Bros. Brown and Phelps, whom I had known by reputation as the evergreen pillars in this lodge, as well as Bros. Godkin, Knox and others, feeling that the interests of Masonry are in the hands of good and reliable officers.

Rising Sun Lodge, No. 85, Athens, Ont.: W. Bro. Morley Earl, W. M. My official visit to this lodge was made on the evening of April 12th, 1906, and I was fraternally received on alighting from the train by the worthy Secretary and Treasurer of the lodge, Bros. Ross and Alguire. The lodge was opened and closed in the three degrees, and the first or E. A. degree was conferred upon two candidates in a fairly creditable manner. The W. M. appears to realize his responsibilities, is painstaking, doing his work very well, which will be come more impressive by practice, this being one of the beauties of Freemasonry. The books of Bro. Ross are well kept, dues well collected, and financially the lodge is in a prosperous condition. The lodge room is comfortable, well furnished, and homelike. I had the pleasure of meeting W. Bros. Lamb, Alguire and Purvis, the latter assisting the W. M. in a very ritualistic and impressive manner in conferring the E. A. degree on one of the candidates, and

at the conclusion when the W. T. was put to those enthusiastic newly initiated brethren, who were determinedly persistent in stating what they knew, the result of which will make upon them a lasting impression. To the S. C. B. Fund this lodge has not yet paid anything, when I explained the origin and object of the scheme, urgently requesting the brethren to contribute in aid of this laudable undertaking, resulting in a favorable expression being evinced by the brethren, and would make an effort in its behalf. At the conclusion a very nice exemplification of the fourth degree was enjoyed by the brethren at the hotel of F. Pierce.

Central Lodge, No. 110, Prescott, Ont.: W. Bro. H. W. Kerfoot, W. M. To this lodge my official visit was made at a regular meeting on the evening of Tuesday, May 1st, 1906. There was a good attendance. The second degree was conferred in a creditable manner by the W. M. and officers, although it was the first degree conferred since their installation for the current year, and owing to the able manner in which they performed the work I did not ask them to open in the third degree: but I must say that the manner in which the Senior and Junior Wardens, as well as the Senior Deacon, carried out their several parts are deserving of special mention. This lodge is in good financial standing, the dues are well collected, and its books are well kept by an efficient Secretary, V. W. Bro. H. H. Wells. This lodge has done nobly in reference to the Semi-Centennial Benevolent Fund, and I have not the least doubt but that this lodge will maintain its laurels in behalf of this benevolent cause. It afforded me extreme pleasure to meet my esteemed friend and R. W. Bro., John F. Graham, as well as V. W. Bro. H. H. Wells, of whom it may be said are the ever-green pillars in this lodge. At the conclusion a very sociable and enjoyable fourth degree was exemplified and fully appreciated by all, followed by the usual toasts and responses, when a thoroughly fraternal meeting was brought to a close by singing "Auld Lang Syne."

Mount Zion Lodge, No. 28, Kemptonville, Ont.: W. Bro. W. L. Phelps, W. M. I had the pleasure of making my official visit to this lodge at its regular meeting on the evening of Wednesday, May 2nd, 1906. There was a very good attendance considering the inclemency of the weather that evening, and being informed by the

W. M. that they had no degrees to confer, but from the efficient manner in which they exemplified the work at the late Lodge of Instruction held at Smith's Falls, Ont., on January 17th, 1906, I only asked him to open and close in the several degrees. The W. M. seems to be a painstaking and efficient presiding officer, being well supported by his subordinate officers. The prospects of the lodge are good, the dues are well collected, and the books are well kept by a capable Secretary, W. Bro. S. H. Guest. From late Grand Lodge reports this lodge had not apparently paid anything in aid of the S. C. B. Fund, but have promised to do better, and I feel that they and others will do their duty in behalf of their worthy, afflicted brethren and their dependents, the Grand Master and the world, in this noble and worthy cause. I was pleased to meet R. W. Bro. R. W. Watchorn, of No. 55, Merrickville, who was unable to remain owing to important matters pending at Merrickville, as well as W. Bros. Langstaff, Johnston and Coun. After closing of the lodge the brethren repaired to the McPherson House, where the festivities of the fourth degree were fully enjoyed, and the pleasantries of the evening were brought to a close by singing "Auld Lang Syne."

Lyn Lodge, No. 416, Lyn, Ont.: W. Bro. Rev. T. H. Smith, W. M. The date of my official visit to this lodge was at a regular meeting on the evening of Tuesday, May 8th, 1906. The attendance was not very large, 14 members being present. As there were no degrees to be conferred I requested the W. M. to open and close in the several degrees, which were well performed, and judging from the manner in which the officers assisted the W. M. I feel satisfied that they are capable of conferring the several degrees. The arrearage of dues is quite considerable, and I advised that prompt action be taken in this matter in order to have prosperity in the lodge. The prospects and financial standing are very good, and the books of the Secretary are well kept. I was pleased to meet R. W. Bros. Bullock and Cumming, as well as W. Bros. Brown, Petham, Parsons, Boyd and others. In reference to the S. C. B. Fund I was pleased to learn that this lodge had taken action in its behalf, and after my usual entreaties in favor of this most worthy and laudable scheme they promised to do better in the future. Appropriate and suitable remarks were expressed by the

W. M., and reiterated by the brethren, regretting a severance from their midst of an esteemed brother, Rev. A. Dailey, to which he feelingly replied. At the close of the meeting the fourth degree was freely and sumptuously exemplified and enjoyed by all, dispersing to their several homes after singing "Auld Lang Syne."

Crystal Fountain Lodge, No. 389, North Augusta, Ont.: W. Bro. Geo. W. Chapman, W. M. My last official visit in St. Lawrence District was made to my mother lodge at an emergent meeting on the evening of Wednesday, May 16th, 1906. There was a fair attendance, 26 being present, with a small number of visitors from St. Francis, St. James and Merrickville lodges. The third degree was conferred upon two candidates in a fairly creditable manner, which could have been much improved had the W. M. and his assistants rendered the work more slowly, as well as more impressive. The prospects of this lodge are good, membership increasing, they own the property and are out of debt, while the dues are well paid, many being in advance. This lodge has done fairly well in reference to the S. C. B. Fund, but we have still about 6 members who as yet have not paid anything towards this fund, and which I very much regret to report. During the evening a great surprise was sprung upon me in the reading and presentation of an address of welcome and congratulation, as well as a beautifully embossed and engraved Past Master's Jewel as a token of esteem and a souvenir of being the first member of Crystal Fountain Lodge upon whom the high honor of D. D. G. M. had been conferred by the Craft of St. Lawrence District, to which I briefly replied that the privilege of representing the Grand Master in St. Lawrence District on the Semi-Centennial anniversary of our beloved order was an honor that I would always remember with grateful thanks to the Craft, and this P. Ms jewel a memento from the members of my mother lodge, I shall ever look upon it as a souvenir of the confidence, kindly feelings and fraternal brotherly love in which I have been recognized by my brethren. After closing the fourth degree was enjoyed by all in our capacious banqueting room, when the usual toasts, responses and pleasantries of the function were brought to a close at 2 o'clock a. m. by singing "Auld Lang Syne."

I would recommend that the time of election of officers

be changed from that now adopted by the majority of lodges in St. Lawrence District so that all the lodges elect their officers in June, as the D. D. G. M. is elected to office in the middle of the official year of most of the subordinate lodges, which compels him to visit them during a few months at the last half of their year, crowding the work into an inconveniently short period.

In conclusion permit me again to thank the brethren of the district for the high honor conferred upon myself and my mother lodge in electing me to the responsible office of D. D. G. M., and for the courteous manner in which I have invariably been received on my official visits. I shall never forget the pleasant hours spent with my brethren in the different lodges. I have tried my best to do my duty, and in surrendering the gavel of office to my successor I feel I am handing over to him an influential district in a very satisfactory condition, and bespeak for him the same cordial support which has been accorded to me. If I have failed in my duty I ask the brethren to forgive me and extend to me the broad mantle of Masonic charity, but I feel that, on retiring from this honorable position, I have the confidence of my brethren, and in years to come I can look back with pleasure to the many happy and pleasant evenings I have enjoyed with the Craft, so that I shall have fond recollections of the time in which I represented the M. W. the Grand Master in St. Lawrence District.

All of which is fraternally submitted.

W. H. WADDELL, D. D. G. M.,
St. Lawrence District No. 15.

OTTAWA DISTRICT NO. 16.

To the Most Worshipful the Grand Master, Officers and Members of the Grand Lodge of A. F. & A. M. of Canada, in the Province of Ontario:

MOST WORSHIPFUL SIR AND BRETHREN:

I have the honor to submit this my report on the condition of Masonry in the Ottawa District No. 16 for the current year. Before enumerating any of my official acts I desire to express my sincere appreciation of the high honor accorded to St. John's Lodge, No. 63, by the election of one of its members to the distinguished office of D. D. G. M. This lodge was instituted in 1842, and for the first time in its history has a Grand Lodge officer. I have endeavored, to the best of my ability, to uphold the good name of my mother lodge and to merit the tokens of approval and esteem bestowed upon me.

My first official appointments were those of District Chaplain and District Secretary, and it was with pleasure that I requested W. Bro. Rev. Chas. Saddington, of Goodwood Lodge, Richmond, to accept the former, and W. Bro. W. H. McIntosh, of St. John's Lodge, the latter office. To each of these W. brethren I am much indebted for kindly assistance and encouragement.

The district is, on the whole, in an exceedingly prosperous and progressive condition. Almost every lodge has a good financial balance to its credit. The arrears of dues, up to the time of my visit, had materially decreased, and the number of suspensions for non-payment growing smaller. With the exception of Goodwood Lodge, Richmond, the Craft is comfortably, and in many cases, elegantly housed, the appointments expensive, and the regalia in good condition. Attendance has been a good percentage of the membership, and in every lodge the Past Masters have evinced a striking loyalty to the interests of the Craft. The clerical work is good, and in only one instance different from the form as laid down by Grand Lodge. Owing to the particular and minute

instruction given by my immediate predecessors, R. W. Bros. Luke, Cleary and Wilson, I found very few irregularities to correct and no violations of our ancient landmarks. The character of the work, judged by the high standard insisted upon by my predecessors, is all that could be desired, and with two, or perhaps three exceptions, fully beyond the requirements of a fair decision by an inspecting officer. Emergent meetings have been the rule rather than the exception, which is gratifying, in face of the fact that many lodges have raised the fee for initiation, in some cases nearly double. Throughout the whole district I have seen only harmony, singleness of purpose, and an eager desire to advance the best interests of the Craft. The jurisdiction is growing and will very shortly attain the numerical strength of its former days before Mattawa, Plantagenet, Vankleek Hill and Hawksbury were removed. A new and prosperous lodge has been instituted at North Gower and also another at Russell, both of which promise vigorous and useful Masonic lives. Evergreen Lodge, Lanark, which for a time was inactive, has again "buckled on its armour" and is holding its meetings regularly and initiating candidates. A new hall is urgently required at Goodwood, Richmond, which I have every reason to believe will be built in the near future.

DISPENSATIONS FOR NEW LODGES.

The Grand Master has been pleased to grant dispensations for the institution of new lodges, as follows: Corinthian, North Gower, County Carleton; Russell, County Russell.

INVITATIONS.

I am indebted to the kindness of the brethren for the following invitations:

Renfrew Lodge, No. 122, reception of brethren from Merrickville.

Acacia Lodge, Hamilton, semi-centennial celebration.

Goodwood Lodge, Richmond, divine service.

Bonnechere Lodge, Eganville, at home.

Maxwell Lodge, Maxwell, reception to Grand Master.

Fidelity Lodge, Ottawa, reception to Grand Master.

Pembroke Lodge, Pembroke, Past Masters' night.

St. John's Lodge, Carleton Place, Past Masters' night.

DEATHS.

I have been advised of the demise of the following brethren, whose loss is sincerely regretted:

Builders Lodge—Bro. C. S. Taggart.

Chaudiere Lodge—W. Bro. W. A. Bangs, V. W. Bro. A. A. Henderson, Bro. R. C. Dewar.

St. Josn's Lodge, Bro. A. Nichols, W. Bro. Frank Donald, Bro. James Miller.

Renfrew Lodge—Bro. Geo. W. McDonald, Bro. John Smith.

Cobden Lodge—W. Bro. Robert Allen.

Woodwood Lodge—Bro. John A. Richardson, Bro. Frank Davidson.

Doric LodgeBro. Chas. Scrim.

SEMI-CENTENNIAL FUND.

According to instructions I issued a circular containing, amongst other matters, a pointed reference to the Semi-Centennial Benevolent Fund, and reappointed the several chairmen of the committees formed by my immediate predecessor, R. W. Bro. Luke. I sent a second letter to the chairman of each lodge recapitulating the work, urging continued activity, and directing that all monies be forwarded to R. W. Bro. John Robertson, who kindly consented to continue as District Treasurer for the fund. A further circular was sent in addition to the general circular of Grand Lodge, on March 17th, requesting a strenuous solicitation and closing the date of return of all monies to District Treasurer. At all my official visits I have urged upon the Craft an appreciation of the importance of this laudable work, and in every instance have received marked expressions of encouragement. Three lodges have paid the assessment in full. One lodge has the amount on deposit in a chartered bank and many lodges have already paid more than half of their total assessment. The report of monies received this year is as follows, per District Treasurer.

1. St. John's Lodge, No. 63, Carleton Place, \$68.00.
2. Mississippi Lodge, No. 147, Almonte, \$71.00.
3. Dalhousie Lodge, No. 52, Ottawa, \$63.00.
4. Doric Lodge, No. 58, Ottawa, \$73.00.
5. Builders' Lodge, No. 177, Ottawa, \$36.00.
6. Fidelity Lodge, No. 231, Ottawa, \$54.00.
7. Chaudiere Lodge, No. 264, Ottawa, \$52.00.

8. Prince of Wales Lodge, No. 371, Ottawa, \$67.10.

9. Bonnechere Lodge, No. 433, Eganville, \$144.00, to Grand Secretary.

Last year this district paid to the Grand Secretary the sum of \$2,191.00, according to last Grand Lodge report, and it is with pleasure that we have knowledge that these further sums have been collected. Some of the lodges have increased their annual dues sufficient to cover the amount within the time urged by Grand Lodge, while others rely upon personal solicitation by committee. I have every hope that the full quota of the district will eventually be raised. I have encountered much dissatisfaction, that as each new initiation is made the number of assessment is raised by one. The brethren claim that they should be assessed \$3.00 per capita on the number of members on the roll at the time the fund was first launched.

LODGE OF INSTRUCTION.

A most successful Lodge of Instruction was held under the charter and auspices of Builders' Lodge, Ottawa, on the evening of Friday, April 13th, 1906. The attendance was very large even for this progressive district. Many representatives from distant lodges were present. Grand Lodge was well served by the presence of R. W. Bros. Butterworth, Wilson, Cleary, Luke, Stephen, J. A. Houston (No. 15), P. D. D. G. M's; V. W. Bros. Wilson, Cairns, with W. M's of all near sister lodges and about 250 members of the Craft. The first degree was worked by the officers of Dalhousie Lodge, under W. Bro. Scott, and the work was so perfectly done that the brethren had to look for points of discussion in what might be done under other circumstances. The lodge was passed by W. Bro. Perney and the officers of Builders' Lodge, and a candidate examined, which was complete in every detail. The lodge was then raised to the third degree, called off, resumed laor, and the degree conferred. In every detail the work was as near perfection as it is possible to attain, not a point for adverse criticism occurred during the whole course of the work. After the work was finished a full and free discussion of the proceedings of the evening took place and many points, principally minor, were debated. I took occasion to remind brethren concerned that the so-called undress

regalia was not as yet recognized by Grand Lodge, and a peculiar action of the Inner Guard, upon which there is every ground for division of opinion, was well talked over in a discussion led by R. W. Bro. Luke and W. Bro. Sproule. I also drew attention to the lack of courtesy displayed to Past Grand Lodge officers. The lodge was closed in the three degrees, which completed a most successful evening.

VISITS.

Dalhousie, No. 52: Accompanied by a very large deputation of brethren, among whom were R. W. Bros. May, Luke, Wilson, McDonnell, Rea, Cleary, Robertson and V. W. Bro. H. Wilson and many sitting Masters, I visited this old and historic lodge on Tuesday, November 7th, 1905. My presentation by W. Bro. Parington was most flattering, and the manner of my reception by the W. M. was fraternal and dignified. The large lodge room was crowded with members of the Craft, who were attentive and interested. The work presented by the W. M., W. Bro. Scott, was two initiations, which were well done in a clear and careful manner. Owing to the absence of the J. W. the south was filled by the S. D., who did his work most efficiently; the J. D. was also absent, but his substitute, Bro. Hall, performed his duties without a flaw. A unique event at this meeting was the presence of the tyler in a chair near the East, which he occupied by request of the W. M., after having been received by a standing lodge. Bro. Sweetman has been tyler for over fifty years, and as a token of regard and esteem I had the pleasure of tendering, for his acceptance, a purse of gold, a gift of the brethren of this lodge. I had also the gratification of presenting a P. M. jewel to W. Bro. Sproule, one of the best Masters who ever occupied a chair. The evening concluded with an elaborate banquet. Among the excellent speeches was that of Bro. R. L. Borden, leader of the opposition in the House of Commons, which was listened to with attention and received with great applause.

Doric, No. 58: A large number of Grand Lodge officers honored me by their presence when I paid my official visit to this lodge on Friday, January 5th, 1906. I was most cordially received by the W. M. and brethren. The hall was well filled with the members of the Craft.

while the East was overflowing with Past Masters. The W. M., W. Bro. Pratt, conducted the execution duties of the lodge with marked skill and ability. I was greatly pleased to find the arrears of dues markedly decreased, although a considerable sum is still outstanding. The finances show a substantial balance to the credit of the lodge, and the Secretary's books are well kept. At the request of the W. M. I was much pleased to install the W. M.-elect and invest the officers for the ensuing year. The work of the Deacons in opening the degrees was bad—very bad—and betrayed a great lack of knowledge of the work. The newly installed Master, W. Bro. Hocking, is a thorough Master of his duties, and requested that I would consent to his working a degree—any degree—but as the hour was late, and from the marked ability displayed by himself and Wardens, I was quite satisfied that the lodge was in good hands, especially as the officers have the opportunity of profiting by the valuable advice of R. W. Bros. John Robertson and S. Luke. The evening concluded with an enjoyable and enthusiastic banquet.

St. John's Lodge, No. 63: By the request of the W. M. I installed the officers of this lodge on the night of the festival of St. John. This being my mother lodge I felt especially pleased at being asked to perform this ceremony. The spacious room was filled and full Board of Installed Masters present. Knowing the W. M., W. Bro. Findlay, as an expert Craftsman, I look forward to the continuous prosperity of this energetic lodge. My expectations were fully realized at my official visit on the regular meeting night, February 14th. A goodly number of the brethren were present in spite of a disastrous fire then going on which caused serious loss to the Junior Warden, Bro. Hooper. The work presented was a passing, which was as near perfection as can be attained, from the reception to the delivering of the final charge every officer did his work well. The candidate was thoroughly posted in all his work and answered all questions in a clear and accurate manner. This lodge insists on every candidate memorizing the obligations in addition to the usual questions for examination. The finances are excellent, and a town lot has been purchased at the cost of \$2,000.00, upon which it is proposed to erect a new temple in the near future. The books are well kept

and the contributions to the Semi-Centennial Fund fairly well paid. An enjoyable Past Masters' night was held by this lodge, and the work done proved that although past the chairs the W. brethren are still in close touch with the minute details of our ceremonies.

Renfrew, No. 122: I paid my official visit to this lodge on Monday, December 4th, and was most cordially welcomed by the W. M., W. Bro. H. Coolican. The beautiful lodge room was fairly well filled by the members of the craft, while in the ast I was much pleased to find R. W. Bros. Barr and MacKay, W. Bro. Timmins and W. Bro. Muir, the oldest living member of the lodge. From the report of my predecessor I was doubtful as to the well working of this lodge. A first degree was presented for inspection, and with the exception of a few minor faults was well done. W. Bro. Coolican is a conscientious worker, but in the matter of ruling and conducting the internal economy of the lodge is too much influenced by the advice of brethren who have previously passed through the chair. The Junior and Senior Wardens did their work well, and the lecture on the tracing board was carefully given. The floor work of the J. D. was much above the average. The charge to the candidate was delivered by W. Bro. McKinnon in an impressive manner. Books well kept and dues fairly well paid. After the close of the lodge an enjoyable supper was spread at Bro. Stitt's, to which full justice was done by the brethren.

Pembroke, No. 128: I was greatly pleased to have with me W. Bro. Bartram, who has given me a more than loyal support during my term of office, when I made my official visit to this lodge on the evening of March 1st, 1906. My reception by W. Bro. Gordon and the brethren of the lodge was most cordial and friendly, while I found in the East many present and past Grand Lodge officers, among whom were R. W. Bros. Josephs, V. W. Bros. Morris and Stewart, and W. Bro. Bayne. I take it as a personal compliment that the M. W. the Grand Master was present in his official capacity and presided during the evening. With his consent W. Bro. Gordon and his officers presented an initiation for criticism. Candor and justice compel me to say that the work was not well done and betrayed lack of attention and practice on the part of the officers. The W. M. has the ability and

address of a first-class workman, but has neglected to perfect himself, and the majority of his officers have followed his example. The floor work was below the average, and the Junior Warden's lecture given too fast, with many omissions. The Senior Warden was above adverse criticism, and the charge by W. Bro. Reeves was well done. I pointed out wherein, to my mind, the weakness lay, and am pleased to say that the brethren are good sportsmen, taking my severe criticism without umbrage. This lodge has the most elaborate quarters outside of Ottawa city, and in every way administers to the comfort of the craft. The Semi-Centennial Fund has been naid in full. A tasteful and enjoyable fourth degree completed what was, I trust, a profitable evening.

Mississippi Lodge, No. 147: I made my official visit to this lodge on the regular meeting night, November 3rd, 1905. I carefully examined the register and found an average attendance for the past year of 24. I also made a careful inquiry into the financial condition, which shows over \$300.00 in hand, no indebtedness, and only \$15.00 arrears of dues. The older members of the lodge are well trained, but some of the younger brethren need a little more tuition. My reception was most loyal and enthusiastic. The work submitted was the M. M. degree, which was done by W. Bro. Kelly in an able and impressive manner, assisted by substitute Wardens. The work of the lodge has been greatly retarded by the marked indifference of the Wardens, whom my predecessor was obliged to admonish, and had they been present I would have followed in his footsteps. Bro. McCarthy, who filled the south, did splendidly, and will, in due time, make an excellent officer. The floor work of the Deacons was average, while the Inner Guard might be more proficient in his duties. Too much credit cannot be given to W. Bros. Kelly, Dodds, Washburn and Steele for the persistent manner in which they have faced and overcome many difficulties. With the present W. M. in the chair for another year, and new Wardens, the work of the lodge will be materially improved. A happy and cheerful fourth degree completed a pleasant evening.

Civil Service Lodge, No. 148: I visited this lodge on the regular meeting night in March, accompanied by R. W. Bro. Rea and V. W. Bros. Wilson and Turley. This was by no means the first opportunity I had had of meet-

ing with the brethren of this lodge, whose one aim seems to be that of extending a generous and fraternal welcome to all members of the craft. The commodious lodge room was well filled, while the East was honored by the presence of M. W. Bro. Ross, Grand Master of Nova Scotia, and M. W. Bros. Ellis and Yeo, Past Grand Masters of New Brunswick and Prince Edward Island. I was cordially and loyally received by W. Bro. Phillips in a flattering address, and my reception by the brethren enthusiastic. The work submitted was a M. M. degree, for which the candidate passed the examination in a creditable manner. In every detail the work was well done, the W. M. is one of the best I have ever had the pleasure of hearing, and his officers splendidly trained. The musical portion, as rendered by the choir, added much to the heartiness and impressiveness of the degree. I cannot forbear from complimenting this lodge upon its high state of efficiency and general prosperity. The books are neatly kept, while the arrears of dues is practically nil. This lodge is noted for the generosity of its entertainments, and the banquet which completed the evening was most elaborate. Splendid addresses were given by M. W. Bro. Ross and several visiting brethren.

Goodwood Lodge, No. 159: Without in any manner wishing to advise my successor in office, I am of the opinion that this lodge should be visited during the winter months, as most of the members are engaged in agricultural pursuits, and in consequence find it difficult to be present at a meeting in the early summer. In spite of this drawback I was cordially welcomed by a fair assembly of the brethren on the evening of May 8th, when I made my official visit. The work submitted was the M. M. degree, which was carried out in every detail in a highly satisfactory and creditable manner by the senior officers of the lodge. W. Bro. Richardson performed his portion of the work faultlessly, as did also the Senior Warden. The Junior Warden did fairly well and the Deacons not at all. For this latter I must offer the excuse that the senior Deacon was absent and his place filled by Bro. Duke, who under the circumstances did well. The Junior Deacon did not know his work and requires more instruction. The books are well kept and a large amount of arrears of dues being gradually reduced. The quarters are the worst in the district, but

I am led to hope that in the very near future this will be remedied and a lodge room equal to its reputation be provided for Goodwood Lodge. The Past Masters are active and take a vital interest in all lodge work. W. Bros. Saddington, Grant and Bradley, Channonhouse and Danby are present at nearly all the meetings and act upon many committees. This lodge is in fair condition.

Builders Lodge, No. 177: My first official visit to this lodge was one of the most enjoyable events of my term. The spacious lodge room was filled to the doors, while the brethren, who were unable to gain admittance waited in the adjoining parlors. My introduction by R. W. Bros. Rea and Butterworth was more than fraternal, and my reception by the W. M., W. Bro. Perney was, to say the least, very flattering. Owing to the excessively large number of brethren present, and the W. M. suffering from a severe cold, it was not deemed advisable to work a third degree as was anticipated. I consented to the opening and closing of the three degrees and the examination of the candidate on the second degree, all of which were faultless, every officer being as near perfection as it is possible to attain. After the lodge closed one of the largest gatherings of Masons in the city of Ottawa enjoyed the bountiful hospitality of this lodge. Many instructive speeches were given and listened to with great appreciation. To R. W. Bro. Cook is due much of the credit for the success of this part of the evenings enjoyment. On January 12th I paid an unexpected visit to this lodge and was pleased to find over fifty brethren present. The work submitted was two initiations, which was well done in every detail. The W. M., W. Bro. Perney, was very thorough and painstaking, and a complete master of his work. The Wardens were well skilled and prompt, and I have never heard the work of the Junior Warden given better—not only were the details explained on the tracing board, but were also pointed out in the lodge room. This lecture was a liberal education to the brethren. The Deacons' work was faultless, while the movements of all the brethren betrayed a well trained lodge.

Madawaska Lodge, No. 196, Arnprior: Accompanied by W. Bro. Steele, of Mississippi Lodge, and W. Bro. Richardson, of Goodwood, I made my official visit to this lodge on the regular meeting on February 12th. Owing

to many other functions of a social nature taking place in the town on that evening the attendance was not large, but I fully realized, from the numerous questions, that what was lacking in quantity was made up in quality. R. W. Bro. Archie Hood is the guide, philosopher and friend of this lodge, which is of itself a sufficient guarantee of its good standing. I regret that the W. M., W. Bro. Simpson, was confined to his bed through illness, but his place was taken by W. Bro. Campbell, who presented the Master Mason's degree in a highly satisfactory manner. The work of the officers throughout was thorough and showed much careful preparation. I was greatly struck by the correct manner in which the brethren moved in the lodge room, which betrayed unceasing training on the part of the officers. The books are neatly and accurately kept. The arrears of dues only \$47. The prospects of a long succession of talented officers good, and the prosperity of the lodge assured. A well served and tasteful fourth degree completed a most pleasant evening.

Evergreen Lodge, No. 209, Lanark: Having read the reports of my predecessors, and because of information otherwise obtained, I became apprehensive as to the welfare and prosperity of this lodge, and soon after my installation instituted inquiries by letter to W. Bro. Buffam as to the condition of Masonry in Lanark. W. Bro. Buffam was pessimistic in his reply and seemed discouraged. After a somewhat lengthy correspondence I advised the calling of an emergent meeting, which was done, and the lodge assembled on Friday, October 20th. W. Bro. McIntosh, District Secretary, accompanied me to this meeting and materially assisted in readjusting the affairs of the lodge. I was pleased to find twelve enthusiastic brethren present, in spite of one of the worst storms of the season, and surprised at their proficiency in the work. The necessary dispensation having been obtained, I installed the officers, who are all well up in the opening and closing of the three degrees. Masonic material is plentiful, and I feel assured that this lodge will again attain its previous high standing.

Lodge of Fidelity, No. 231, Ottawa: I paid my first official visit to this lodge on October 17th, accompanied by a large deputation of brethren, among whom were R. W. Bros. Dr. Robertson, G. S. May and J. D. Clarke.

My reception by the W. M., W. Bro. Dr. Scott, was most kindly and cordial. An exceedingly large and attentive assemblage of the brethren testified to the enthusiasm of the members of the lodge. The work presented was a first degree, which was rendered in a most efficient manner. W. Bro. Scott is a careful and clear worker, every portion of the ceremony being rendered with the intention of impressing the candidate, whom I feel was much profited thereby. The officers did their work well and in a manner beyond adverse criticism. I wish to especially compliment the Secretary, Bro. Stewart, on his thoroughness, the arrears of dues being practically nil, due to the excellent "follow up" system of this most efficient brother. I had the pleasure of presenting a Past Master's jewel to W. Bro. Herbert as a token of approval and esteem of the brethren. The evening was concluded by an elaborate banquet, good speeches and songs. The outlook of this lodge is excellent. This lodge tendered a magnificent reception to the Grand Master, of which mention will be made in his report.

Chaudiere Lodge, No. 264: Accompanied by R. W. Bros. McDonnell, Stephen, Rea, V. W. Bros. H. Wilson, Turley and many present and past Masters of sister lodges, I officially visited this lodge on the evening of February 27th, 1906. The large lodge room was filled to overflowing with the members of the Craft, while the capacity of the East was overtaxed to accommodate the W. brethren. I was greatly struck by the precision of all the members of this lodge, and looked forward with eagerness to the exemplification of the work. A first degree was presented by W. Bro. McCracken and his officers, and it is only faint praise to say that it was perfect. Every officer performed his duties in a faultless manner, paying strict attention to his work and not having one eye on the inspecting officer. W. Bro. McCracken is an ideal Master, who has animated his officers with an enthusiasm which makes the future prosperity of this lodge assured. The books are neatly and correctly kept and the arrears of dues is being gradually reduced. I had the pleasure of presenting, in the name of the lodge, Past Masters' jewels to W. Bros. Jones, Hill and Wilson, brethren of tried standing and sterling Masons. A great event occurred this night, when Bro. John Huckells presented the lodge with a complete set of beautiful regalia

and jewels for the officers. Bro. Huckells is one of the oldest, if not the oldest, members of the lodge, and his generosity will be long remembered by the brethren. An elaborate and joyful banquet completed a happy evening. This was one of the most enjoyable visits of my term.

Prince of Wales Lodge, No. 371: My official visit was paid to this lodge on the evening of January 26th, 1906. A large number of Grand Lodge officers were present, namely, R. W. Bros. Wilson, May, Rea, and R. W. Bro. J. A. Houston (No. 15), V. W. Bros. H. Wilson, Turle and Campbell. The room was well filled, and the brethren attentive and interested. The work submitted was a passing, which was well done in every respect. The W. M., W. Bro. Shane, is a thorough workman, and although suffering from nervousness, at his first passing, acquitted himself in a highly creditable manner. The Deacons were as near perfect as possible, although, in the opinion of some expert workmen, they did too much saluting, but as experts differ on this point, I could find no fault even were I disposed to do so. The lecture by the Senior Warden was well done and the candidate thoroughly posted. The charge by W. Bro. Northwood was the best I ever heard given by any officer. Just here I beg to say that the Craft in this district is indebted to W. Bro. Northwood (who is a sterling Mason of the old school) for two concise and carefully prepared papers on Masonry, one dealing with the history of Prince of Wales lodge and the other on general Masonic subjects. These papers were prepared after infinite research on the part of the W. brother, and read to the members of the lodge, by whom they were received with that approbation which they so richly deserved. The books are neatly and correctly kept and the arrears of dues small. A generous banquet, at which R. W. Bro. Houston gave the Craft some wholesome advice, placed the copestone on a satisfactory evening.

Bonnechere Lodge, No. 433: On Monday, April 9 1906, as the representative of the M. W. the Grand Master, I visited this lodge and found a fair attendance of brethren. Owing to the exceedingly disagreeable condition of the weather many of the members were unable to be present, the prospective candidate being among those absent. This lodge is very comfortably housed and their appointments excellent, everything that can ad-

minister to the comfort of the Craft being provided. There being no work, I requested the W. M. to open the lodge in the three degrees, call off, resume labor, and close, which was done in a highly satisfactory manner, every officer performing his portion of the work efficiently. W. Bro. Reeves has his duties well in hand, and is ably assisted by W. Bros. Leitch and Lellorf. Bro. Bannerman is an ideal Secretary, as his books testify. The arrears of dues, counting to date, is about \$70.00, an amount too large. This lodge has paid its assessment to the Semi-Centennial Fund in full. A tasteful and enjoyable banquet was partaken of by all the brethren. This lodge is in good condition and the prospects bright.

Cobden Lodge, No. 459: Accompanied by that enthusiastic Mason, W. Bro. Timmins, of Renfrew, I visited this lodge on the evening of December 12th. My reception, from the moment I stepped from the train, was most fraternal. A large assembly of the brethren congregated in the handsome lodge room, and by the numerous questions asked me displayed their deep interest in the working of the Craft. The W. M., W. Bro. Delahay, conducted the executive work of the lodge in an able manner, giving each brother ample opportunity to express his views on each subject under discussion, but at no time permitting the work to drag. This night was partly occupied by the election of officers, which was most harmonious. The work was to be a second degree, but the candidate failed to appear, so at my request the W. M. examined Bro. Fisher, a candidate posted by this lodge, but a Fellowcraft of Sussex, Brockville, who had his work perfectly. The same brother acted as a substitute candidate for the second degree, which was well done; a few minor mistakes were made, which I corrected. The lodge was then raised to the third degree, called off, resumed labor, and severally closed in the three degrees. My examination was thorough and I was pleased with the result. The Secretary's books are neatly kept, but not in accordance with the constitutional form, to which I drew the attention of the newly elected Secretary, who promised to remedy the same. Arrears of dues nil. An elaborate fourth degree completed a pleasant and I hope profitable evening. I am much indebted to W. Bro. Delahay and Bros. Maire and Robertson for many evidences of fraternal goodwill.

Carleton Lodge, No. 465: I made my official visit to this lodge on the regular meeting of March, and was greatly pleased to find R. W. Bro. Hood on my arrival. This lodge is much indebted to the R. W. brother for many services freely rendered from time to time. An exceedingly large number of the brethren, among whom were representatives from all the neighboring sister lodges, was present, and filled the commodious lodge to overflowing. The quarters of this lodge are excellent and better than most rural lodges. My reception was most hearty and fraternal, and the many questions asked betrayed a deep interest in the work. The executive duties of the lodge were carried on by W. Bro. G. N. Kidd with marked ability, and the Secretary's books neatly and correctly kept. At the request of W. Bro. Kidd, with the assistance of R. W. Bro. Hood, I installed the Master-elect, W. Bro. Richardson, who answers all the requirements of a perfect master. W. Bro. Kidd was the happy recipient of a P. M. jewel, which was presented in the name of the lodge by R. W. Bro. Hood in an eloquent address. Two illuminated addresses were given to Bros. Gordon and McKay as a token of esteem and as an expression of regret on their removal to another district. This lodge is in excellent condition financially, the brethren well trained and enthusiastic, and their prospects of the brightest. The fourth degree was worked with old-time energy, while the addresses by the speakers were far above the average.

Corinthian Lodge, U. D.: On the 27th July, 1905, I received from the M. W. the Grand Master, through the Grand Secretary, a dispensation to institute Corinthian Lodge, North Gower. Accordingly I made arrangements to open the lodge on Friday, September 8th, which was done, and at which the letters of dispensation were read and placed in the hands of the W. M. and the lodge organized. I received valuable assistance from W. Bros. Pratt, Phelps, Smith and Craig. The lodge has an ideal Master, while the Secretary, W. Bro. A. E. McCordick, is a Past Master of untiring zeal and accuracy. In order to report fully to Grand Lodge, I made a second visit to this lodge on June 1st, the regular meeting. A large number of brethren were present. The work for the evening was two passings and two raisings, which were done in a highly satisfactory and creditable manner. W.

Bro. Craig is in every respect a splendid Master and completely in touch with his duties. The Secretary, W. Bro. A. E. McCordick, has taken great pains with the books, which are admirably kept. All the officers are thoroughly familiar with the work and all enthusiastic. A fine new hall has been built and very handsomely furnished, and in every respect the prospects of the lodge are excellent.

Russell Lodge, U. D.: A number of brethren in the village of Russell have petitioned the M. W. the Grand Master for a dispensation to establish a lodge in that village, and the Grand Master having been graciously pleased to grant their prayer, and the necessary authority having been forwarded to me, I made arrangements to open a lodge on Wednesday, June 6th, 1906, at which the letters of dispensation were read and placed in the hands of the W. M. A good hall has been provided, with proper ornaments, furniture and jewels, and the future of the lodge seems bright.

DIVINE SERVICE.

On the festival of St. John all the Craft lodges in the city of Ottawa, assisted by brethren of neighboring sister lodges, attended divine service in St. Andrew's Church. The M. W. the Grand Master honored the occasion by his presence and expressed himself well pleased. Over 800 brethren were in line, presenting a most imposing sight. W. Bro. Rev. Dr. Bayne, whose reputation as a preacher and logician is more than local, made one of the efforts of his life in a sermon which held the vast assembly enthralled. This will in all probability be made an annual event.

In conclusion, permit me to say that throughout my term of office, and during my official visits, my reception has been most generous and fraternal. Words cannot express one-tenth part of the many kindnesses and evidences of fraternal regard which have been showered upon me. To the Grand Lodge officers who have so generously and cordially given me their advice I tender my hearty thanks; their encouragement has been an inspiration and their counsel a check upon my somewhat impetuous nature. To the Grand Secretary, M. W. Bro. Murray, I make sincere acknowledgments for his overlooking my many mistakes. I find it difficult to

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adequately thank the M. W. the Grand Master for his forbearance and patience with my efforts, but his firm, just and equitable decisions on all questions have rendered my pathway less strenuous. I have endeavored to do my duty as I saw it, and will find ample reward in the approbation of the brethren.

All of which is fraternally submitted.

A. S. GORRELL, D. D. G. M.,
Ottawa District No. 16.

GRAND LODGE OF CANADA.

GRAND LODGE OF A. F. & A. M. OF CANADA IN THE PROVINCE OF ONTARIO.

Table Showing the work done in Ottawa District, No. 16, from June 24th, 1905, to June 24th, 1906.

No. of Lodge.	NAME OF LODGE.	LOCATION.	Mem- bership		Total No. of all Mem.	Increase during year.		Decrease during year.		E. A.	F. C.	M. M.	Affiliations.	Restorations.	Resignations.	Suspensions, N. P. D.	Suspensions, other causes.	Deceased.	Meet'gs held			Average attendance of members.	Amount paid for relief.	No. of members 12 months in arrears.	Total of all Arrearages.	Date of last G. L. Return.	Financial Standing.	Prospects of Lodge.	Can W. M. work all degrees	Insurance.	
			Increased during year.	Decreased during year.		Regular.	Emergency.	Total.																							
52	Dalhousie.	Ottawa.....	17	16	17	6	9	2	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	7	16	33	164	20	28	\$ 93	55	June 24, '05	Good	Excellent	Yes	Yes
53	Doric.....	Ottawa.....	11	13	13	3	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	6	16	31	191	50	14	139	50	Dec. 28, '05	Good	Bright	Yes	\$ 50 00
54	St. John's..	Carleton Place	8	10	10	2	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	4	17	25	20	00	21	172	00	Dec. 24, '05	Good	Good	Yes	1200 00
55	Renfrew....	Renfrew.....	4	2	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	4	17	23	83	00	4	27	00	Dec. 27, '05	Excellent	Excellent	Yes	500 00
56	Pembroke..	Pembroke....	7	10	10	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	6	19	46	102	84	19	160	00	Dec. 27, '05	Good	Good	Yes	2000 00
57	Mississippi	Almonte.....	2	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	8	30	21	40	00	30	131	00	Dec., 1905...	Good	Fair	Yes	400 00
58	Civil Serv..	Ottawa.....	18	15	14	2	2	2	2	2	2	2	2	2	2	2	2	2	10	18	32	73	50	18	75		Dec., 1905...	Fair	Fair	....	500 00
59	Goodwood..	Richmond....	7	4	5	2	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	4	16	15	127	40	21	297	13	Dec. 27, '05	Good	Bright	Yes	Yes
60	Bullders...	Ottawa.....	14	17	18	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	8	20	47	15	00	4	14	75	Dec. 27, '05	Good	Good	Yes	750 00
61	Madawaska	Arnprior.....	4	5	3	2	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	2	12	20	5	00	4	165	90	June 24, '06	Fair	F'y Good	Yes	200 00
62	Evergreen..	Lanark.....	2	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	4	12	34	90	00	4	98	75	Dec. 27, '05	Good	Bright	Yes	Yes
63	Fidelity....	Ottawa.....	18	12	12	3	2	2	2	2	2	2	2	2	2	2	2	2	6	16	24	57	50	19	50	75	June 23, '06	Fair	Good	Yes	Yes
64	Chaudiere..	Ottawa.....	10	11	10	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	8	18	35	60	00	12	75	00	Dec. 23, '06	Good	Excellent	Yes	Yes
65	Pr. of Wales	Ottawa.....	9	11	14	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	10	14	12	10	00	8	75	00	Dec. 23, '06	Good	F'y Good	Yes	350 00
66	Bonnech're	Eganville....	3	4	8	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	12	14	12	10	00	8	75	00	Feb'y 7, '06	Good	Good	Yes	200 00
67	Cobden....	Cobden.....	5	7	7	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	5	17	23	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	June 24, '05	Good	Good	Yes	800 00
68	Carleton...	Carp.....	4	8	7	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	11	15	28	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	Dec. 24, '05	Good	Good	Yes	200 00
69	Coronation	North Gower..	20	19	15	6	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	12	17	16	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	Dec. 27, '05	Good	Bright	Yes	500 00
70	Russell.....	Russell.....	17	16																											

ALGOMA DISTRICT NO. 17.

To the Most Worshipful the Grand Master, Officers and Members of the Grand Lodge of A. F. & A. M. of Canada, in the Province of Ontario:

MOST WORSHIPFUL SIR AND BRETHREN:

I have the honor of presenting my official report on the condition and progress of Masonry in Algoma District No. 17 for the Masonic year ending June 24, 1906.

I will take this opportunity to express to the brethren of the district my warm appreciation of the honor conferred upon me by electing me to the high and honorable position of D. D. G. M. I appointed as District Secretary, A. W. Walsh, and as District Chaplain, Rev. J. J. Johnston, both of Ionic Lodge, No. 461, Rainy River. I am glad to report that all the lodges in the district are in a prosperous and healthy condition, and that the prospects for the future are bright. The work done in all the lodges is up to a high standard, and the attendance good.

DISPENSATIONS.

The following dispensations were granted during the year:

Pequonwa Lodge, No. 414, Kenora, to attend the funeral of the late Bro. Capt. Jos. McKenzie, of Hurlley Lodge, Wisconsin.

Shuniah Lodge, No. 287, Port Arthur, to attend an at home.

Pequonga Lodge, No. 414, Kenora, to attend the funeral of the late Bro. Edwin Emmons, of Shuniah Lodge, No. 287, Port Arthur.

Lake of the Woods Lodge, No. 445, Kenora, to install officers on January 10th, 1906.

Ionic Lodge, No. 461, Rainy River, to attend an at home January 19th, 1906.

Fort William Lodge, No. 414, Fort William, to attend the funeral of the late Bro. Newcomb, March 11th, 1906.

Granite Lodge, No. 446, Fort Frances, to attend

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The work of the evening was the conferring of the degree on Bro. McMurphy. The degree was conferred by Bro. McMurphy's father, W. Bro. D. McMurphy. It was well done. The attendance at this meeting was good, as there were about thirty-five members and visitors present.

Keewatin Lodge, No. 417, Keewatin, made a special visit to this, my mother lodge, on the 15th. I was accompanied by R. W. Bro. Robertson, W. M. of Lake of the Woods Lodge; Belyea, W. M. of Pequonga Lodge; Robertson, W. Bro. D. McMurphy; Horne, Bro. W. Cameron and several others. They met at the dock by the brethren and were escorted to the lodge room. There on that date, the W. M., W. Bro. W. Robertson conferred the third degree, taking one on that date, and the work was up to date. This lodge has always held its regular hour was spent after the meeting at Kenora by boat.

Royal Lodge, No. 453, Fort Frances, visited the lodge on June 25th. On that date was met by W. Bro. J. A. McMurphy, R. W. Bro. McDougall, W. Bro. Robertson, and several other brethren. They had a three hours' meeting. The officers took place in the lodge room. The degrees and the work was done by W. Bro. J. A. McMurphy. Installation of his officers was made. The work was well done.

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Fort William Lodge, No. 415, Fort William: I paid my official visit to this lodge on June 27th. There was a large attendance of the brethren and visitors. The W. M. opened the lodge in excellent form, but having been called away V. W. Bro. J. T. Hollinshead exemplified the degree on a candidate in his usual excellent form. This lodge meets in the Oddfellows' hall at present, but are thinking seriously of putting up a building for themselves; in fact, they now have the plans prepared for same. From the efficient staff of officers they have in this lodge there can be nothing but success.

SEMI-CENTENNIAL FUND.

On making my official visits to the different lodges in the district I brought this matter before those present, and have been assured by the Secretaries that the fund has been well subscribed to, and I trust that remittances from all the lodges are in the hands of the Grand Lodge before this.

In conclusion I wish to return my sincere thanks to the brethren of the district for the very hearty and welcome manner in which they all received me, and for the many acts of kindness extended to me on every occasion, and would only ask that the same courtesies be extended to my successor, whoever he may be.

All of which is fraternally submitted.

D. ROBERTSON, D. D. G. M.,
Algoma District No. 17.

GRAND LODGE OF A. F. & A. M. OF CANADA IN THE PROVINCE OF ONTARIO
Table Showing the work done in Algoma District, No. 17, from June 24th, 1905, to June 24th, 1906

NAME OF LODGE.	LOCATION.	Mem- bership.		Degree's conferred	A. A.		Resignations.	Suspensions N. P. D.	Suspensions, other causes.	Decreased.	Meet- ings held.			Average attendance of members.	Amount paid for relief.	No. of members 18 months in arrears.	Total of all Arrears.	Date of last G. L. Return.	Financial Standing.	Prospects of Lodge.	Can W. M. work all degrees.	Insurance.
		Total No. of all Mem.	Increase during year.		E. A.	F. C.	M. M.				Regular.	Emergency.	Total.									
287 Shuniah.	Port Arthur	169 24	9 24	23 20	7 4	7 3	8 20	1	1	1	9 14	13 37	45	430 00	\$20 00	27	\$ 500 00	Dec. 27, '05	Good	Bright	Yes	\$ 800 00
414 Pequonga	Kenora	116 18	7 18	7 7	7 7	7 7	7 7	1	1	1	14 14	19 19	18	269 00	61 60	19	600 00	Dec. 27, '05	Good	Good	Yes	600 00
415 Ft. William	Port William	125 18	6 17	1 22	1 22	1 22	1 22	1	1	1	13 13	9 23	38	101 50	...	13	300 00	June 24, '06	Good	Bright	Yes	300 00
417 Keowatin	Keowatin	64 3	1 3	9 2	1 3	9 2	1 3	1	1	1	1 13	2 15	14	...	...	94	500 00	Dec. 27, '05	Good	Good	Yes	500 00
446 L. Keewoods	Kenora	32 3	1 3	1 3	1 3	1 3	1 3	1	1	1	1 11	1 12	16	190 10	30 00	9	400 00	Dec. 27, '05	Good	Good	Yes	400 00
446 Granite	Port Frances	54 6	2 3	1 9	1 9	1 9	1 9	1	1	1	1 10	2 12	17	47 43	...	...	600 00	June 24, '06	Good	Good	Yes	600 00
453 Royal	Port William	73 22	9 12	10 10	9 12	10 10	9 12	1	1	1	13 10	22 19	19	150 00	88 00	5	1150 00	June 24, '06	Good	Good	Yes	1150 00
461 Ionic	Kenora River	69 0	8 9	12 1	8 9	12 1	8 9	1	1	1	14 14	5 19	19	46 50	...	5	...	June 24, '06	Good	Good	Yes	...

My reception by the W. M., W. Bro. Dr. Scott, was most kindly and cordial. An exceedingly large and attentive assemblage of the brethren testified to the enthusiasm of the members of the lodge. The work presented was a first degree, which was rendered in a most efficient manner. W. Bro. Scott is a careful and clear worker, every portion of the ceremony being rendered with the intention of impressing the candidate, whom I feel was much profited thereby. The officers did their work well and in a manner beyond adverse criticism. I wish to especially compliment the Secretary, Bro. Stewart, on his thoroughness, the arrears of dues being practically nil, due to the excellent "follow up" system of this most efficient brother. I had the pleasure of presenting a Past Master's jewel to W. Bro. Herbert as a token of approval and esteem of the brethren. The evening was concluded by an elaborate banquet, good speeches and songs. The outlook of this lodge is excellent. This lodge tendered a magnificent reception to the Grand Master, of which mention will be made in his report.

Chaudiere Lodge, No. 264: Accompanied by R. W. Bros. McDonnell, Stephen, Rea, V. W. Bros. H. Wilson, Turley and many present and past Masters of sister lodges, I officially visited this lodge on the evening of February 27th, 1906. The large lodge room was filled to overflowing with the members of the Craft, while the capacity of the East was overtaxed to accommodate the W. brethren. I was greatly struck by the precision of all the members of this lodge, and looked forward with eagerness to the exemplification of the work. A first degree was presented by W. Bro. McCracken and his officers, and it is only faint praise to say that it was perfect. Every officer performed his duties in a faultless manner, paying strict attention to his work and not having one eye on the inspecting officer. W. Bro. McCracken is an ideal Master, who has animated his officers with an enthusiasm which makes the future prosperity of this lodge assured. The books are neatly and correctly kept and the arrears of dues is being gradually reduced. I had the pleasure of presenting, in the name of the lodge, Past Masters' jewels to W. Bros. Jones, Hill and Wilson, brethren of tried standing and sterling Masons. A great event occurred this night, when Bro. John Huckells presented the lodge with a complete set of beautiful regalia

among the brethren of this district during the past year: Bro. George Burden, of Keystone Lodge, No. 412; W. Bro. Silas Huntington, of Nipissing Lodge, No. 420; Bros. James Duncan and John Martin, of Dymont Lodge, No. 442; Bro. Thomas E. Flesher, of Doric Lodge, No. 455; Bro. S. J. Allan, of Gore Bay Lodge, U. D.

It afforded me great pleasure to comply with the request of the M. W. the Grand Master in the constitution and consecration at Sault Ste. Marie, on November 29th last, of Algoma Lodge, No. 469, according to ancient usage, as a regular lodge, being assisted in the ceremony by a large number of the P. D. D. G. M's and other Grand Lodge officers, past and present, resident within the district. Upon the completion of this most interesting ceremony the officers of Algoma lodge were installed and invested. In this I was ably assisted by R. W. Bro. J. D. H. Browne.

The claims of the Semi-Centennial Benevolent Fund have been pressed by me upon the attention of the several lodges on all available occasions, and a fairly creditable result can be reported. Mattawa Lodge has paid \$254, being the full quota for every member except some 4 or 5, who, being members of other lodges, are paying to those other lodges. Nickel and Doric lodges have also done excellently, having subscribed respectively \$340 and \$143, being practically the full amount expected from these lodges, less payments from those who, having dual membership, are paying elsewhere. The returns from Keystone and Nipissing lodges are not so large as I had expected from lodges of such numerical and financial strength. They have, however, contributed substantial amounts, viz., \$179 and \$151.50 respectively, and I am assured that the claims of the fund will be pressed urgently and that good results may yet be expected. Dymont, Sturgeon Falls, Algoma and Temiscamingue lodges are all behind in this good work, but I have reason to believe that their full duty will be largely fulfilled during the coming year.

Nickel Lodge, No. 427, Sudbury: My first official visit was made at Sudbury on May 2nd to Nickel lodge, when I found, as anticipated, that this lodge was continuing to make marked progress both in point of numbers and financially, having now a membership of about 150. The work of the evening, the initiation of a candi-

May 1901 I visited and found every evidence of increase in membership, the purchase price of the out. The work of W. L. Cers was excellent, the them in an almost faultless the lodge appear to take attend meetings well. been kept in a manner to signs of recent improvement suggestions made, I hope room for criticism.

Nipissing Lodge, No. 1 lodge on 14th May and found the lodge, which was, to a degree, had happily been res together in peace and with Lee and his officers have conferred a degree in a very of the lodge are kept in evidence the indefatigable Secretary made by the lodge during energy of the W. M. and him by R. W. Bro. Your Weegar. A most successful held under the auspices of when we were honored by Grand Master for it.

by the M. W. the Grand Master, assisted by other officers of Grand Lodge and in the presence of a large number of the Craft and of the citizens. This was a most successful day and one long to be remembered by those who were so fortunate as to be able to attend.

Sturgeon Falls Lodge, No. 447, Sturgeon Falls: To this lodge I paid a visit on May 16th, and was cordially received by a large number of the brethren. The lodge-room is still "somewhat diminutive," as described by my predecessor in office, but a great improvement has been made in the furnishings and equipment, due in a great measure to the energetic action of W. Bro. McFarland, W. M. of the lodge. The room is now well and comfortably furnished, and new life seems to have been instilled into the members by the W. M. and his officers, who are all efficient in their work, and conferred the second degree in a pleasing and impressive manner. I regret to note that in this lodge, as in one or two others within the district, the amount of dues in arrear is too great, and a strong effort will be necessary to reduce them within reasonable bounds.

Doric Lodge, No. 455, Little Current: I visited this lodge on June 5th. The chair was ably filled by W. Bro. Bellwood, I. P. M., in the absence of W. Bro. Turner, W. M. The regular business of electing officers having been completed, and no degree work being ready, the lodge was closed after having been opened in the several degrees. A considerable number of members of this lodge have removed or are now within the jurisdiction of the new lodge at Gore Bay, the result being very small meetings for Doric lodge, despite the efforts of the W. M. and of W. Bros. Bellwood and Powell. The financial condition of the lodge is good, and it maintains its membership as in the past year. I sincerely trust that conditions will so change as to insure a return of activity to this lodge.

Gore Bay Lodge: This lodge, which is working under dispensation, I visited on June 6th, when members to the number of 21 were present—a very creditable turnout for such a young lodge. The home of this lodge is small, but sufficient for present needs. It is comfortably furnished and is supplied with all necessary and suitable regalia. Substantial progress has been made during the past year, under the direction of W.

ALGOMA DISTRICT NO. 17.

*To the Most Worshipful the Grand Master, Officers and
Members of the Grand Lodge of A. F. & A. M. in
Canada, in the Province of Ontario:*

MOST WORSHIPFUL SIR AND BRETHREN:

I have the honor of presenting my annual report on the condition and progress of Masonry in the District No. 17 for the Masonic year ending 1906.

I will take this opportunity to express on behalf of the district my warm appreciation of the confidence reposed upon me by electing me to the position of D. D. G. M. I appreciate the assistance of my Secretary, A. W. Walsh, and as District Clerk, J. Johnston, both of Ionic Lodge No. 1. I am glad to report that all the lodges in the district are in a prosperous and healthy condition and the prospects for the future are bright. The attendance at the lodges is up to a high standard of good.

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GRAND LODGE OF A. F. & A. M. OF CANADA IN THE PROVINCE OF ONTARIO.
Table Showing the work done in Nipissing District, No. 18, from June 21th, 1905, to June 24th, 1906.

Number of Lodge.	NAME OF LODGE.	LOCATION.	Mem- bership		Total No. of all Mem.	Increase during year.	Decrease during year.	Degree's Conf'd		Affiliations.	Restorations.	Resignations.	Suspensions, N. P. D.	Suspensions, other causes.	Deceased.	Regular.	Emergent.	Meet- ings held.	Average attendance of members		Amount paid for relief.	No. of members 12 months in arrears.	Total of all arrearages.	Date of last G. L. Return.	Financial Standing.	Prospects of Lodge.	Can W. M. work all degrees.	Insurance.
			E. A.	F. C.				M. M.	Total.										Regular.	Emergent.								
405	Mattawa ...	Mattawa	87	5	4	4	1	7	2	9	2	11	10	\$20 00	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	June 25, '06	Good	Good	Yes	\$ 600 00
412	Keystone...	S. B. Marie	237	11	9	11	12	7	...	12	27	39	23	109 00	5	...	145 00	...	...	...	...	...	...	Dec. 27, '05	Good	Good	Yes	1200 00
442	Nipissing...	North Bay	118	3	11	9	7	...	...	13	10	23	31	73 50	35	...	163 00	...	...	...	...	...	...	Dec. 27, '05	Good	Good	Yes	500 00
427	Nickel.....	Sudbury	150	14	11	4	6	2	...	12	3	15	25	50 00	17	...	80 00	...	...	...	...	...	...	June 27, '06	Good	Good	Yes	600 00
442	Dymont....	Thessalon.....	77	7	10	9	6	1	...	10	14	24	15	20 00	15	...	231 00	...	...	...	...	...	...	Dec. 27, '05	Good	Good	Yes	300 00
447	Strgn Falls	Sturgeon Falls	68	8	9	3	6	2	...	14	4	18	17	.....	4	...	43 20	...	...	...	...	...	...	.....	Good	Good	Yes	50 00
453	Doric.....	Little Current.	63	...	3	8	8	1	...	10	1	11	11	.....	9	...	81 00	...	...	...	...	...	...	June 24, '06	Fair	Good	Yes	600 00
463	Temisc'mg	New Lake-ard.	60	12	13	10	6	3	...	14	12	26	15	28 00	...	...	.....	...	...	...	...	...	...	Jan'y 15, '06	Good	Good	Yes	600 00
469	Algoma ...	S. B. Marie	75	11	11	19	15	3	...	13	20	33	31	.....	...	...	.....	...	...	...	...	...	...	Dec. 27, '05	Good	Good	Yes	Yes
473	Gore Bay...	Gore Bay.....	34	19	19	19	15	2	...	12	10	22	19	10 00	1	...	3 00	...	...	...	...	...	...	Jan. 1, 1906	Good	Good	Yes	Yes

MUSKOKA DISTRICT NO. 19.

*To the Most Worshipful the Grand Master, Officers and
Members of the Grand Lodge of A. F. & A. M. of
Canada, in the Province of Ontario:*

MOST WORSHIPFUL SIR AND BRETHREN:

It is with pleasure I beg to submit for your consideration my report on the condition and progress of Masonry in Muskoka District No. 19.

In the first place I would indeed be ungrateful did I not return my sincere thanks to the brethren for the high honor conferred upon me at the Jubilee Communication of Grand Lodge in selecting me to fill the important and responsible position of D. D. G. M., and also express to them my appreciation of the cordial treatment extended to me whilst paying my official visits, a flattering reception being accorded in every case. I visited every lodge in the district once, and in every case at the regular meeting.

I am pleased to report that Masonry is in a flourishing condition in this district. A friendly rivalry exists among the lodges in the matter of accuracy and uniformity of the ritualistic work, so that on my visits I was more often called upon to compliment than to criticise the work. The principal officers of the various lodges are most proficient, the W. M. in every case being able to work the three degrees, and the Wardens' lectures, which I had the pleasure of hearing, were faultless. Perfect harmony exists among the brethren of this district, as I have not, during the year, been called upon to adjust any grievance. On entering upon my duties after election I appointed W. Bro. W. W. Robertson, of Strong Lodge, No. 423, District Secretary, and Rev. Bro. W. H. French, of Algonquin Lodge, No. 434, District Chaplain, to both of whom I wish to extend my thanks for their beneficial services. I was not able to make arrangements for the holding of a Lodge of Instruction this year, therefore I was not called upon to grant any dispensation.

I urged the claims of the Semi-Centennial Fund on

all my visits, but I regret to say that considerable apathy exists towards this scheme. The greatest difficulty is encountered in getting non-residents to forward their contributions. All the lodges of this district excepting one have coincided with the scheme, and supported it fairly well, but one of our strongest lodges declares itself as being totally opposed to it.

DEATHS.

During the year I received notice of the death of two brethren, viz.: Bro. Jos. McFaul, of Powassan Lodge, No. 443, Powassan, and Bro. G. H. Lemon, of Corona Lodge, No. 454, Burk's Falls, both of whom were interred with Masonic honors.

OFFICIAL VISITS.

Powassan Lodge, No. 434, Powassan: The first official visit I paid was to this lodge on the evening of February 9th, 1906. I was accompanied by Bros. French, Cook and Johnston, of Strong Lodge, No. 423. Unfortunately there was no degree work. The work of the evening consisted principally in the election of a W. M. to fill the chair vacated by the resignation of W. Bro. Geo. R. Coombs. W. Bro. A. H. Porter secured the election with unanimous approbation. The lodge was raised to the second and third degrees and closed in the several degrees, which amply demonstrated the efficiency of W. Bro. Coombs and his associate officers. Powassan lodge room has been extensively renovated since last report at considerable expense, which adds greatly to the appearance of the room and comfort of the brethren. The Secretary's books are kept in good shape, and the finances of the lodge show only a small deficit after the extensive improvements. The prospects of the lodge are very bright.

Muskoka Lodge, No. 360, Bracebridge: I visited this lodge at their regular meeting March 6th, 1906. There was a good attendance. I did not have the pleasure of seeing any work exemplified except opening and closing in the three degrees, which was done in a very creditable manner. The W. M., W. Bro. Henry J. Bird, Jr., who is also a P. M. of Muskoka lodge, is a very efficient officer. W. Bro. Richard Mills makes a good Secretary, and the other offices are well manned. Considerable

discussion regarding the Semi-Centennial Fund followed. I endeavored to show that it was not only our privilege but our duty to favor this worthy object, and so far got the lodge to accept it that the brethren came to the conclusion that should the raising of the fund prove a success after the three years Muskoka lodge would give its cheque in full as their quota to the fund. The finances of the lodge are good, the books kept in good condition, the lodge room neat and attractive, and the prospects bright for the future. A fourth degree well exemplified by all taking part brought the proceedings of a very pleasant meeting to a close.

Algonquin Lodge, No. 434, Emsdale: I visited this lodge at the regular meeting on the evening of March 13, 1906. I was accompanied by W. Bro. A. T. French, W. M. of Strong Lodge, No. 423, Sundridge, and W. Bro. J. W. Harris, W. M. of Corona Lodge, No. 454, Burk's Falls, was also present. A good attendance was present considering the long distance many of the members reside from the lodge room. The craft here is laboring under difficulties, as the officers are much scattered. The work of the evening consisted of two firsts, conferred on two exceptionally bright candidates. The W. M. was ably assisted by W. Bros. Metcalf, Harris and McConkey. W. Bro. McConkey is an ideal Secretary and manipulates the books with great precision. The finances of the lodge are good and the prospects for the future fair.

Golden Rule Lodge, No. 409, Gravenhurst: I visited this lodge at their regular meeting April 9th, 1906. There was a good attendance, although the day was wet and the roads very bad. The first degree was conferred upon an excellent candidate by W. Bro. F. Hornsby in a manner that convinced me that he was master of the situation. I had also the privilege of observing the M. M. degree given to a brother who had driven over thirty miles that day to obtain it, in a most excellent manner by W. Bro. J. W. Elliott, M. D., assisted by R. W. Bro. W. W. McPhee. Golden Rule lodge room having been recently decorated with a complete set of new furniture of the very latest design, together with the unique arrangement of the lesser and the auxiliary lights, which makes the interior all that could be desired, and a very pleasant and comfortable home for the brethren. The lodge at pres-

ent has a set of genial efficient officers, the finances are in good condition, and the prospects for the future excellent. The Secretary, Bro. Geo. W. Keith, is an excellent officer and issues the most tasty summonses in the district.

Unity Lodge, No. 376, Huntsville: This lodge was officially visited on their regular night of April 11, 1906. There was a very fair attendance considering the bad condition of the roads. Unfortunately there was no degree work on. The officers of Unity lodge are well filled, which was demonstrated by the smooth and graceful manner in which the lodge was opened and closed in the three degrees. The W. M., W. Bro. S. A. Hutcheson, is ably assisted by a number of P. M's. and the whole under the critical eye of R. W. Bro. J. N. Shearer ensures proficiency. The lodge room is large, well furnished, and well cared for, the books in good condition, and a healthy spirit prevails.

Strong Lodge, No. 423, Sundridge: I visited this lodge officially on April 16th, 1906, the regular meeting night. The work of the evening was the conferring of a first degree on a good candidate, which was well done by the W. M., W. Bro. A. E. French. As I am a regular attender of this lodge I am in a position to judge the character of the work done, and can conscientiously say that it compares very favorably with any I have seen done in the district. Several years ago Strong Lodge seemed to awake from a lethargy into which it had previously fallen, and W. Bro. French and the other present officers maintain the high standard of efficiency attained by their predecessors. The East is ably supported by P. M's Maxwell, Robertson and myself, who are regular in attendance. The lodge room is comfortable and fairly well furnished, the finances in very good condition, the growth steady and carefully selected, and the prospects for the future of Strong lodge are good. W. Bro. Robertson being Secretary is a sufficient guarantee that the books and correspondence of the lodge are being handled in the most careful and efficient manner.

Corona Lodge, No. 454, Burk's Falls: I visited Corona Lodge on May 7th, 1906. Although I had made arrangements to visit it early in February, I was prevented by a disastrous fire which occurred, and which completely destroyed the lodge room, altogether with the

furniture and other chattels of the lodge, a few days before my intended visit. Unfortunately the brethren at that particular time had neglected to renew their insurance policy, and the loss was complete and heavy. But Corona lodge has a number of enthusiastic brethren who set to work immediately to restore their former comfortable condition. They obtained a dispensation from Grand Lodge to meet temporarily in a suitable room until one could be procured wholly for that purpose. They now meet in the Court House, which does very well in this emergency. I had the privilege of witnessing two firsts conferred by the W. M., W. Bro. J. W. Harris, who was ably assisted by W. Bros. Hilliar and Sturgeon, of Corona lodge, and W. Bro. French, of Strong lodge, who accompanied me on this visit. The work was well exemplified, and I was particularly well pleased with the accuracy and precision of the floor work of Bro. J. J. Wilson in the capacity of J. D. W. Bro. Sturgeon attends to the Secretary's duties with perfect satisfaction to the brethren, and reported at my visit that there was not a brother in arrears for dues. Corona lodge, although considerably behind financially, is not lacking in zeal, and is hopeful of speedily regaining its former standing.

Granite Lodge, No. 352, Parry Sound: A visit to Granite lodge on May 16th, 1906, concluded my round of official visits, and I shall long remember the cordial reception and the pleasant evening spent on that occasion. There was considerable work to be done, but the evening was very warm, and only an initiation was attempted. This was very satisfactorily exemplified by R. W. Bro. A. J. Whitby, W. M., assisted by V. W. Bro. W. E. Foote. Granite lodge being the oldest in the district, and situated in the thriving town of Parry Sound, possesses many prominent and active members of the craft. The lodge owns the building in which it meets, being one of the best buildings in the town, having several stores and offices in the lower flats which yield a good revenue, the brethren reserving the whole of the top flat for themselves, which gives commodious and comfortable accommodation. Everything is in good condition in Granite lodge.

In conclusion, I wish to say that my term of office has been very pleasant indeed to me. At several of my visits

I gave a short address on the origin and growth of the Craft in this Province and throughout the world, which was apparently well received and appreciated. At all my visits the social aspect of our meetings was not forgotten, a sumptuous banquet being prepared, where the brethren spent a pleasant hour amid toasts, interspersed with recitations, songs, speeches, etc., all of which, to my mind, are very beneficial if not prolonged unduly.

Again I wish to thank the brethren for their kind indulgence to me, and consider myself well repaid if my feeble efforts have in any way proved beneficial to the Craft in this district.

All of which is fraternally submitted.

A. CARMICHAEL, D. D. G. M.,
Muskoka District No. 19.

GRAND LODGE OF A. F. & A. M. OF CANADA IN THE PROVINCE OF ONTARIO.

Table showing the work done in Muskoka District, No. 12, from June 9th, 1905, to June 9th, 1906.

Number of Lodge.	NAME OF LODGE.	LOCATION.	Total No. of all Mem.	Increase during year	Decrease during year.	E. A.	F. C.	M. M.	Affiliations.	Resignations.	Suspensions, N. P. D.	Suspensions, other causes.	Deceased.	Regular.	Concurrent.	Meet- ings held.	Average attendance of members.	Amount paid for relief.	No. of members 12 months in arrears.	Total of all Arrearages.	Date of last C. L. Return.	Financial Standing.	Prospects of Lodge.	Can W. M. work all degrees.	Insurance.	
358	Granite.	Parry Sound	101	19	..	12	9	9	1	..	1	..	1	1	10	12	2	25	..	20	\$ 158 00	Dec. 26, '05	Good	Vy Good	Yes	Heavy
360	Muskoka.	Bracebridge	84	8	9	9	1	1	10	13	19	19	25 00	10	30 00	Dec. 27, '05	Good	Good	Yes	\$ 300 00
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400	Gol'n Rule	Gravenhurst	61	3	..	4	3	3	1	13	14	15	15	5 00	14	85 00	Dec. 27, '05	Good	Good	Yes	300 00	
423	Strong.	Sundridge	47	10	4	4	4	4	1	..	4	..	..	13	14	7	7	..	3	150 00	Dec. 27, '05	Good	Good	Yes	300 00
434	Algonquin.	Elmsdale	74	11	..	9	10	11	9	1	..	..	..	11	13	16	21	..	..	..	June 24, '06	Good	Good	Yes	600 00
443	Pawawan	Pawawan	54	4	..	4	3	3	..	..	..	..	..	11	12	12	15	..	..	61 50	April 12, '06	Fair	Good	Yes	350 00
454	Corona.	Bark's Falls	44	4	..	5	5	5	1	..	..	..	..	11	14	15	17	21 00	..	..	..	..	Yes	100 00	

OTONABEE DISTRICT NO. 20.

To the Most Worshipful the Grand Master, Officers and Members of the Grand Lodge of A. F. & A. M. of Canada, in the Province of Ontario :

MOST WORSHIPFUL SIR AND BRETHREN :

At the last communication of Grand Lodge at Hamilton the worshipful brethren by vote placed me in the office of D. D. G. M. of Otonabee District No. 20. The honor conferred upon me in placing me in so exalted a position is one which I appreciate to the utmost, and I need hardly add that my purpose has been to show myself worthy of the position by doing my utmost towards the building up of our great order in my district. I only wish I could have accomplished more than I have to this end. I am enabled, at any rate, as will be seen by my reports on the various lodges under my jurisdiction, to report Masonry as distinctly alive and progressive. My first act on assuming office was to communicate with each lodge and arrange for the carrying out of the instructions issued by Grand Lodge, viz., to visit every lodge in the district at some regular meeting of the lodge. I have already stated that I found our great and noble order in a flourishing condition throughout the district. Officers and members alike seem thoroughly imbued with the desire to help on the order by every means in their power. I brought before each lodge the great object of the Semi-Centennial Fund, and am pleased to report that I have been met with promises in regard to this fund. if carried out will result in generous returns to Grand Lodge. I hope soon to see Otonabee district in the proud position of having fully paid up its allotment. As my report has to be short and to the point I will not trespass further detailing what impressions I received in my tour of the district save in one respect, and that is, in extending my most cordial thanks to the brethren of the different lodges for the uniform kindness and hospitality that has been shown me. The year has been to me a very

happy one, and if I have been of any service to the Craft I am amply repaid for what efforts I have made by the pleasant recollections of my year of office.

Ontario Lodge, No. 26: I visited this lodge on April 19th. I found it in every respect a model lodge, the work being splendidly done, the W. M. and officers being supported by a long list of Past Masters and P. D. D. G. M's. The first degree was worked in a correct and most impressive manner. The members report Masonry advancing. Dues well paid up, and the lodge in a splendid financial position.

Jerusalem Lodge, No. 31, Bowmanville: I paid my official visit to this lodge on April 4th. This is one of the oldest lodges in the district, and it is a pleasure to me to testify that notwithstanding its comparative antiquity the interest evinced by its members, and the ability displayed in their work by the officers of the lodge, shows no signs of weakness or decay. There was a good turnout, and the W. M. opened and closed in the three degrees, there being no special work on hand. R. W. Bro. Simpson, P. D. D. G. M., is a tower of strength to this lodge. There is no fear for the future of Masonry in this place with such enthusiastic Masons as R. W. Bro. Simpson and the other P. M's associated with him in Jerusalem lodge.

Durham Lodge, No. 66, Newcastle: I visited this lodge on Tuesday, April 3rd. I expected, by summons, to have seen some work in the third degree, but on arriving at the lodge room I found only a quorum, there being only seven members present. The W. M. opened up in the three degrees, performing his work in a creditable manner. We had a very interesting conversation as to the means of getting the brethren to take more interest in Masonry, which I hope will produce good results. I found that dues were well paid up, though there were a few delinquents. The membership on the lodge roll is 22. W. Bro. Allen makes a good Secretary and looks well after the finances.

Corinthian Lodge, No. 101, Peterboro: I visited this lodge on March 16th, on the same occasion as the fraternal visit of our Grand Master, M. W. Bro. James H. Burritt. There was a very large turnout of members both from Peterboro and from outside lodges, and a most cordial welcome was accorded to the Grand Master, and

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Clementi Lodge, No. 313, Lakefield: I paid my official visit to my mother lodge on May 1st. There was a grand turnout of members and visitors and a considerable amount of work was done, there being work in all three degrees. This was performed in a highly satisfactory manner by the W. M. and his officers. Masonry is progressing here, and all we have to complain of is that the lodge room is too small for present requirements of the members.

Orono Lodge, No. 325, Orono: I visited this lodge on April 5th and found the members ready to extend a hearty greeting to the D. D. G. M. There was a good turnout at the regular meeting, but no work. The officers opened up, however, in the three degrees, and did their work in a creditable manner. I found officers and members alike anxious to advance the cause of Masonry, and I have not the least doubt but that Orono lodge will report good progress in the near future. An encouraging feature in connection with this lodge is that the members claim to have paid their full share to the Semi-Centennial Fund.

Keene Lodge, No. 374, Keene: Accompanied by W. Bro. R. Q. Dench I visited this lodge on February 8th. This lodge, despite its small membership is doing good work, and I was greatly pleased with its quality. The I. P. M. performed the work of initiating a candidate, and V. W. Bro. McNeil of raising two candidates to the sublime degree, both in a very satisfactory manner. V. W. Bro. McNeil is a host in himself and a man on whom the lodge can rely in any emergency.

Lorne Lodge, No. 375, Omeme: I visited this lodge on February 5th. On this my first official visit I was accompanied by W. Bro. Wesley Sherin, W. Bro. William Graham, and Bros. Bygott and Webster from Clementi lodge. We drove over to Omeme, where the brethren gave us a most hearty welcome. On our assembling at the lodge room we found a good attendance, considering the size of the membership. There was no special work on hand, but the officers opened and closed in the three degrees and the work was done well. I am glad to be able to report that the financial difficulties which have beset this lodge in the past have now been

overcome, and the future looks bright for Lorne lodge. The lodge has paid nothing to the Semi-Centennial Fund so far, but I fully believe that it will do all it can in this respect, as the officers and members seem to take great interest in the work.

Havelock Lodge, No. 435, Havelock: I paid my official visit to this lodge on February 9th, accompanied by W. Bro. J. R. Frazer, W. Bro. T. W. Leggatt and Bro. J. W. Bygott, of Clementi Lodge. The special work consisted of one initiation and two raisings. The initiation was nicely performed by the W. M., W. B. Kne-wasser, assisted by his officers. The work in the third degree in this lodge is done in a different manner to that in vogue in most of the lodges in the district, and I do not think it is an improvement. The brethren, however, are all enthusiastic in their work. So far they have done nothing towards contributing to the Semi-Centennial Fund, but are now going at the work with a will, and I am sure will give a good account of themselves in the near future.

All of which is fraternally submitted.

JOHN HULL, D. D. G. M.,

Otonabee District No. 20.

EASTERN DISTRICT NO. 21.

To the Most Worshipful the Grand Master, Officers and Members of the Grand Lodge, A. F. & A. M., of Canada, in the Province of Ontario:

MOST WORSHIPFUL SIR AND BRETHREN:

I have the honor of submitting my report on the condition and progress of Masonry in this district for the past year. I wish first to express my deep appreciation of the honor conferred upon me by selecting me to fill this responsible and honorable position of D. D. G. M., and of the utmost kindness and courtesy shown to me by all the officers and brethren throughout the district during my term of office. At all times I was well received and hospitably entertained, but, following the instructions of the Grand Secretary I shall make my report as brief as possible and refrain from giving these details.

First, I appointed W. Bro. H. P. D. Evans, of Chester-ville Lodge, No. 320, District Secretary, and I am grateful to him for his services. Later I appointed Bro. Rev. Donald Stewart, of the same lodge, District Chaplain.

On November 30, 1905, a very successful at home and Past Masters lodge was held at Maxville, at which the M. W. the Grand Master was present.

As all lodges in this district hold their elections in December, and as each lodge had received a visit from my predecessor since January, 1905, I did not begin my official visits until February. I am of the opinion that it would be advisable to hold the lodge elections at the close of the Grand Lodge year, and then the D. D. G. M. would have the whole year to pay his visits.

The time has come when mostly every lodge in the district has a spacious, bright, comfortable and well furnished lodge room, and it will not be necessary to make further mention of same.

DEATHS.

I am called on to record the deaths of the following brethren of this district: R. W. Bro. Duncan A. Mac-

donnell, of Friendly Brothers Lodge, No. 143, D. D. G. M. in 1896, died April 11, 1906; R. W. Bro. Ford, an honorary member of Farran's Point Lodge, No. 256 (particulars not reported); Bro. J. J. Empey, of Henderson Lodge, No. 383, died December 11, 1905; William Kennedy, of Chesterville Lodge, No. 320, died December 17, 1905; Bro. S. H. Haycock, of Friendly Brothers Lodge, died January 28, 1906; Bro. MacKenzie Stamp, of Friendly Brothers Lodge, died March 25, 1906; Bros. A. S. Warwick, of Cornwall Lodge, No. 125, died April 30, 1906; Bro. G. R. Sipes, of Friendly Brothers Lodge, died June 19, 1906.

SEMI-CENTENNIAL BENEVOLENT FUND.

On my official visits and on many other occasions I urged upon the brethren their duty and privilege in connection with this very important matter, and in almost every instance I was encouraged that earnest and successful efforts would be made. Results, however, are not as favorable as I had anticipated, although I have been assured that some of the lodges will do better.

VISITS.

Plantagenet Lodge, No. 186, Plantagenet: Visited on February 5, 1906, at a regular meeting. There was a large attendance; several of the members had come a distance of eighteen miles on a cold night. For the past two or three years this lodge had been laboring under difficulties, its membership was small and scattered, and its lodge room poor. The lodge and the members grasped the situation. Money was raised and the lodge room renovated, and now they have reason to be proud of their quarters. The hall is owned by the lodge and they pay a ground rent of ten dollars per year. This was the first meeting in the renovated hall, and a dispensation had been obtained to instal the officers. This ceremony I performed with the assistance of the Past Masters. The Secretary's, Treasurer's and Auditors' reports and the report of the Board of General Purposes re expenditures on hall were received and adopted and the business was transacted with despatch. V. W. Bro. John Smith is Secretary, and makes a very willing and capable one. His books are well kept and the finances of the lodge are well managed. Much of the credit for

improving the hall, etc., is due to the Secretary. After making a considerable expenditure the lodge makes a fresh start with a clean sheet. All is harmony and enthusiasm, the lodge is growing, and the prospects are much brighter.

St. John's Lodge, No. 21a, Vankleek Hill: Visited on February 6, 1906, at a regular meeting. There was a large attendance, including ten Past Masters. The S. W., however, was on the sick list, and did not appear, while the J. W. was unavoidably absent. A third degree candidate was expected, but he disappointed us and did not arrive from the city. The lodge was opened and closed in the three degrees, and parts of the work exemplified and discussed. The books are well kept by Bro. Thomas Jamieson; the dues are promptly collected. The initiation fee had recently been raised to \$25.00. The prospects of the lodge are good, the members are zealous and well up in the work. I was very much pleased to meet an old enthusiastic Mason, Colonel Steele, 85 years of age, who was present and addressed the lodge.

Alexandria Lodge, No. 439, Alexandria: Visited on February 7, 1906, at a special meeting. A first degree was worked and the W. M. did his part impressively. His support was not as good as it might have been, although there was some excuse, as there had been no work to do. This lodge has been struggling. Unfortunately very many of the members have left the jurisdiction. Some of them have taken dimits while others retain membership without paying dues. At the time of my visit there were 28 members over twelve months in arrears, and the arrearages (exclusive of dues payable December, 1905) amounted to \$374.00. Over \$200.00 of this will probably never be collected. I requested that serious efforts be made to collect arrears and to induce the brethren in arrears to pay up and then to suspend those who are able to pay and will not. The lodge is not strong financially or in membership, but prospects are now becoming brighter. Several good candidates have recently been accepted. The lodge room is poorly furnished and I hope for an improvement. The W. M., W. Bro. John Simpson, and the Secretary, W. Bro. E. H. Tiffany, deserve great credit for their faithful work in the lodge.

Hawkesbury Lodge, No. 450, Hawkesbury: Visited on February 8th at a regular meeting. The attendan-

was 23. The candidate did not come and there was no work. The lodge was opened and closed in the three degrees, and several points were discussed. All the officers did the work well; the officers and members are enthusiastic and progressive Masons. The books are well kept by Bro. Sherman. The prospects of the lodge are bright. R. W. Bro. Johnston, P. D. D. G. M. of Ottawa District, is a member of this lodge and was present. During my stay in Hawkesbury I was very kindly entertained as the guest of W. Bro. McWaters.

Maxville Lodge, No. 418, Maxville: Visited on February 9, 1906, at an emergent meeting. The attendance was about twenty. There were no candidates. The lodge was opened and closed in the three degrees and several points were discussed. This lodge is charitably disposed and looks well after the widows and orphans of its deceased members, although the Semi-Centennial Fund did not find the favor I had expected. Bro. D. A. Irvine makes a capable Secretary. His books are in good shape and the dues are promptly collected.

Wales Lodge, No. 458, Wales: Visited on April 2, 1906, at an emergent meeting, at which there was a large attendance. The lodge was opened and closed in the three degrees, and a third degree was conferred in a very creditable manner. The J. W. also gave his lecture in the first degree accurately and impressively. This is the youngest lodge in the district, but the officers from the W. M. to the junior officers do their work well. W. Bro. F. Warren makes a very capable Secretary, and is successful in keeping the dues well paid up. The prospects of the lodge are good.

Lancaster Lodge, No. 207, Lancaster: Visited on April 3rd at a regular meeting. The attendance was small on account of several of the members being absent on the jury, etc. The W. M. conferred a second degree and did his work well, and W. Bro. Nicholson conferred a third degree in an impressive manner. The candidate for the third degree gave his obligation. This lodge does not require the candidate to give his obligation, but several lodges in the district do require it. The junior officers of the lodge might improve in their work. The books are neatly kept by Bro. W. N. McGillis.

Cornwall Lodge, No. 125, Cornwall: Visited on April 4, 1906, at a regular meeting, when I was greeted by a

large attendance, the largest during my official visits. R. W. Bro. J. G. Harkness is a member of this lodge and was present. This lodge has a high reputation and is certainly worthy of it. The officers do their work exceedingly well. A second degree was conferred with accuracy and impressiveness, and the floor work was done with precision. This lodge requires the candidate to give his obligation before advancing. V. W. Bro. John Ridley has been Secretary of this lodge for several years and he makes a model Secretary. The books are kept neatly and correctly and the dues are promptly collected, so that there are no arrears. During my visit at Cornwall I was hospitably entertained as the guest of W. Bro. Magwood.

Friendly Brothers Lodge, No. 143, Iroquois: Visited on April 5th, at a special meeting held the evening after the regular meeting. The lodge was opened and closed in the three degrees and a first degree was conferred in an accurate and impressive manner. W. Bro. Bouck delivered the lecture and the charge in a well nigh perfect manner. The books are well kept and the arrearages are small. The prospects of the lodge are good.

Excelsior Lodge, No. 142, Morrisburg: Visited on April 6th at a regular meeting. This lodge has not been growing and the meetings have not been held regularly. The brethren from the town have not been attending very well, and the officers are mostly from outside the town. There was no work to be done, and the lodge was opened and closed in the three degrees in a fair manner. Bro. A. W. Massey makes a faithful and efficient Secretary. The prospects of the lodge are not the best, while there is pulling between the front and back, but with the available material there is no reason why this lodge should not be one of the best. I was very much pleased to have R. W. Bro. C. Rose, P. G. S. W. of the Grand Lodge of Quebec, visit the lodge on this occasion.

Farran's Point Lodge, No. 256, Aultsville: Visited on May 2nd at a regular meeting. There was no work and the lodge was opened and closed in the three degrees. This was done well, but the recent changes had not been acquired. Here I had the pleasure of presenting R. W. Bro. R. H. Hanes, my immediate predecessor, with a P. D. D. G. M. apron on behalf of the district. R. W. Bro. Hanes made a brief and appropriate reply, thanking the

district. R. W. Bro. Hanes is Secretary, and, needless to say, he makes a very capable one. There has been very little work during the year, but prospects are better. The Masons hold the controlling interest in Fraternity Hall, where they have the lodge room.

Henderson Lodge, No. 383, Winchester: Visited on May 4th at a regular meeting. There was a large attendance, including the W. M. and J. W. of Chesterville Lodge. The first degree was conferred in an excellent manner by the W. M., ably assisted by his officers. The work was done with precision, accuracy and impressiveness. This lodge has been making remarkable progress since it acquired its present beautiful well furnished hall, and raised its initiation fee to \$25.00. W. Bro. George Johnson is a very efficient and successful Secretary and manages to keep the dues collected.

Chesterville Lodge, No. 320, Chesterville: I paid my official visit to this, my own lodge, on May 7th, at a regular meeting. Although the night was unfavorable there was a large attendance. It was very gratifying to me to see the work, an initiation and the openings and closings, so uniformly well done by the W. M. and his officers. I never saw the work better done in the lodge. My only regret is that this lodge has not been able to procure suitable quarters, but there are hopes of realizing this desire before very long. The books of the lodge are well kept, the lodge is strong financially, and the prospects are good.

Avonmore Lodge, No. 452, Avonmore: Visited on May 8th at a regular meeting. The W. M. had expected to have two initiations, but as neither candidate appeared he conferred two second degrees in a very creditable manner. The lodge was opened and closed in the three degrees and several minor points were brought up and discussed. The Secretary had not been furnished with a complete set of lodge books, but will procure same. This lodge has been growing and its prospects are good.

At the close of the year several brethren of North Williamsburg and vicinity, including five Past Masters, have submitted to me for my report a petition for a new lodge at North Williamsburg, duly recommended by the nearest lodges. After giving this matter my best consideration I have come to the conclusion that it would be in the best interest of Masonry to grant the petition. A lodge

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GRAND LODGE OF A. F. & A. M. OF CANADA IN THE PROVINCE OF ONTARIO.

Table Showing the work done in Eastern District, No. 31, from June 24th, 1905, to June 24th, 1906

No. of Lodges.	NAME OF LODGE.	LOCATION.	Total No. of all Mem.	Increase during year.	Decrease during year.	E. A.	F. O.	M. M.	Admissions	Restorations	Resignations	Suspensions, N. P. D.	Suspensions, other causes.	Deceased	Regular	Emergency	Total	Average attendance of members.	Amount paid for relief.	No. of members 15 months in arrears.	Total of all Arrearages.	Date of last G. L. Return.	Financial Standing.	Prospects of Lodge.	Can W. M. work all degrees	Insurance.
212	St. John's.	Vankleek Hill	64	4	3	3	3	3	1	1	6	3	1	12	13	53	\$10 00	5	\$ 19 00	Dec. 27, '05	Good	Good	Yes	\$300 00		
196	Cornwall	Cornwall	108	4	2	2	2	2	1	1	1	1	1	12	15	27	26 00	3	18 00	Dec. 27, '05	Good	Good	Yes	900 00		
148	Excelsior	Morrisburg	63	3	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	5	6	19	26 00	19	64 00	June 1, '06	Good	Good	Yes	600 00		
143	Friendly B.	Iroquois	108	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	10	17	90	25 00	23	90 00	Dec. 27, '05	Good	Good	Yes	400 00		
186	Plantag'n't	Plantagenet	44	4	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	10	14	13	8 00	9	31 00	Dec. 27, '05	Fair	Fair	Yes	500 00		
277	Lancaster	Lancaster	73	9	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	11	12	13	6 00	16	106 50	Jan. 30, '06	Fair	Fair	Yes	400 00		
256	Farmers Pt.	Antlerville	69	1	2	2	2	2	2	2	2	2	2	12	13	16	.....	20	77 10	Dec. 27, '05	Good	Good	Yes	400 00	
280	Chesterville	Chesterville	89	3	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	12	14	26	.....	23	85 00	Dec. 27, '05	Good	Good	Yes	400 00	
288	Henderson	Winchester	94	14	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	12	20	20	.....	3	10 25	June 24, '06	Excellent	Excellent	Yes	600 00	
418	Maxville	Maxville	80	6	2	2	2	2	2	2	2	2	2	14	16	24	40 00	10	60 00	Dec. 27, '05	Fair	Fair	Yes	300 00		
430	Alexandria	Alexandria	47	0	2	2	2	2	2	2	2	2	2	11	14	11	.....	21	307 60	.....	Improving	Improving	Yes	300 00
430	Hawkesbury	Hawkesbury	20	5	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	12	12	15	.....	10	48 00	Dec. 27, '05	Good	Good	Yes	400 00	
453	Avonmore	Avonmore	55	3	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	12	12	15	.....	2	40 50	Dec. 27, '05	Good	Good	Yes	400 00	
458	Wales	Wales	55	3	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	12	12	15	.....	2	40 50	Dec. 27, '05	In debt	In debt	Yes	400 00	

REPORT OF THE BOARD ON WARRANTS.

R. W. Bro. A. T. Freed, Deputy Grand Master, on behalf of the Board of General Purposes, presented the following report, which was read by R. W. Bro. D. F. Macwatt, Chairman of the Committee on Warrants :

REPORT.

The Board of General Purposes makes the following recommendations, viz. :

1. That warrants be issued to the following lodges : Gore Bay, No. 472, Gore Bay; The Beaches Lodge, No. 473, Balmy Beach; Victoria Lodge, No. 474, Toronto Junction; Dundurn Lodge, No. 475, Hamilton; Corinthian Lodge, No. 476, North Gower, and Harding Lodge, No. 477, Woodville.

2. That the dispensations granted to Bancroft Lodge, Bancroft; Milverton Lodge, Milverton, and Russell Lodge, Russell, be continued during the ensuing year.

3. The Committee finds that the minute books in several cases have not been as carefully kept as they should be, pages being left blank and the Worshipful Master omitting to sign the confirmation of the minutes in some cases, in others the signature being made in pencil. The Committee considers that in future such irregularities may be deemed sufficient reason to refuse a warrant. In all cases the certificate of the D. D. G. M. should also be furnished showing that the lodge under dispensation has complete regalia and a suitable lodge room.

All of which is fraternally submitted.

D. F. MACWATT,
Chairman.

Toronto, 17th July, 1906.

It was moved by R. W. Bro. A. T. Freed, seconded by R. W. Bro. D. F. Macwatt, and

Resolved, That the report of the Board on Warrants be received and adopted.

REPORT OF THE BOARD ON PRINTING AND SUPPLIES.

R. W. Bro. A. T. Freed, Deputy Grand Master, on behalf of the Board of General Purposes, presented the fol-

following report, which was read by R. W. Bro. J. S. Dewar, Chairman of the Committee on Printing and Supplies:

REPORT.

1. The Board of General Purposes, through the sub-Committee on Printing and Supplies, begs to report that they have examined the undermentioned accounts, and finding the same correct recommend them to the Audit and Finance Committee for payment.

The Spectator Printing Co., of Hamilton, contract work, to June 18, 1906.	\$2,888 78	
Less paid on account.	2,000 00	\$888 78
The Copp, Clark Co., Toronto, lithographing		785 80
Robt. Duncan & Co., Hamilton, stationery, etc. . .		119 25
The Howell Lithographing Co., Hamilton, cheque books		36 00
A. C. Turnbull, Hamilton, stationery and supplies		34 39
G. H. Lanigan, Hamilton, binding.		12 00

Total. \$1,876 22

2. The Board will endeavor to place the different reports of Grand Lodge in the hands of the brethren as soon as all have been presented by the chairmen of the various sub-committees. These reports, according to the Constitution, can only be received at this session, and will come up for adoption at a later stage. The members of Grand Lodge can therefore be assured that ample time will be afforded every one of perusing the different reports and becoming conversant with the matters dealt with therein.

Fraternally submitted.

J. S. DEWAR,

Chairman P. and S. Committee.

REPORT OF THE BOARD ON AUDIT AND FINANCE.

R. W. Bro. A. T. Freed, Deputy Grand Master, on behalf of the Board of General Purposes, presented the following report, which was read by R. W. Bro. Skinner, a member of the Committee on Audit and Finance:

REPORT.

The Committee of Audit and Finance of the Board of General Purposes have very much pleasure in reporting that they have audited the books of the Grand Secretary and Grand Treasurer and certify to their correctness.

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The Board recommends payment of the following accounts, viz. :

Committee on Foreign Correspondence.. . . .	\$ 150 00
Grand Secretary, advance for incidentals, 1906-07.	1,000 00
Premium on Grand Secretary's Bond.. . . .	12 50
General Masonic Relief Association Subscription	
Benevolent Grants, 34,965 members at ½ cent each	174 82

Benevolent Grants.. . . . \$18,975 00

The Committee on Printing and supplies report that the following accounts are correct, and the Board recommends their payment :

Copp, Clark Co., certificates and warrants.. . . .	\$ 785 80
Spectator Printing Co., contract.. . . .	\$2,888 78
Less paid on account	2,000 00

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The Robert Duncan Co., stationery	119 25
A. C. Turnbull, stationery	34 39
The Howell Lithographing. Co.	36 00
G. H. Lanigan, binding returns.	12 00
The Bell Telephone Co.	28 50

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The Board further recommends the payment to R. W. Bro. Nixon for attendance at the Benevolent Committee, \$15.00; also to R. W. Bro. R. L. Gunn, Auditor's fees in full, \$300.00.

The Board have inspected the bond of the Grand Secretary issued by the United States Fidelity and Guaranty Co., of Baltimore; same is drawn on a special and approved form for the sum of \$6,000.00, and authorizes the Grand Master for the time being to fully represent Grand Lodge in renewing same. The bond is in the custody of the Grand Treasurer.

The Board recommends that the sum of \$750.00 per annum be paid to the Inspector of Benevolent Grants on the same terms and conditions as reported in 1905.

Securities held by Grand Lodge on 31st May, 1906, on account of the Semi-Centennial funds were as follows :

City of Toronto Debenture, 4 per cent.. . . .	\$ 5,000 00
City of Woodstock Debenture, 4 per cent.	4,000 00
City of Ottawa Debenture, 4 per cent.	10,000 00
City of Peterboro Debenture, 4 per cent.	2,000 00
Hamilton Masonic Hall stock.. . . .	100 00

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Debentures	\$ 84 47
Premium on Woodstock Debentures	240 00
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Accrued interest on Peterboro	
Debentures	16 27
Premium on Ottawa Debentures	529 00

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Discount on Toronto Debentures	169	50	
Discount on Peterboro Debentures	306	80	
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Balance at credit of current account :			
Canadian Bank of Commerce, May 31st, 1906.. . .	3,814	83	
Paid in since May 31st	5,024	80	
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Fraternally submitted.

GEO. S. MAY,
Chairman

REPORT OF THE AUDITOR.

Toronto, Ont., July 16th, 1906.

To the President and Members of the Board of General Purposes :

R. W. Sir and Brethren :

I beg to report that I have audited the books of the Grand Secretary and the Grand Treasurer for the year ended May 31st, 1906, in accordance with the provisions of the Constitution, and I hereby certify to their correctness.

I have made monthly reports to the M. W. the Grand Master and the President of the Board on the receipts of the Grand Secretary and the disposal thereof. All moneys received have been promptly deposited in the bank to the credit of the Grand Treasurer and all payments have been made by cheques signed by the proper officers, viz., the President of the Board, the Grand Secretary and the Grand Treasurer.

An abstract of the receipts and expenditure of Grand Lodge for the year was prepared and certified by me as correct and mailed to each lodge and to the members of the Board on June 15th, 1906.

In conjunction with the Grand Secretary and the Grand Treasurer I examined the securities belonging to Grand Lodge in the safety deposit vault of the Toronto General Trusts Company on June 4th, 1906, and found them complete with all unpaid coupons attached.

The face value of said certificates is as follows, and agrees with the Treasurer's balance sheets, viz. :

Grand Lodge general account.. . .	\$110,015 16
Semi-Centennial Fund account	21,000 00

I have examined the Grand Secretary's report as regards statements of receipts and expenditure, also the Grand Treasurer's reports on general account and on Semi-Centennial Fund account, and have certified to their correctness.

Fraternally submitted.

R. L. GUNN,
Auditor.

It was moved by R. W. Bro. A. T. Freed, seconded by R. W. Bro. F. J. Skinner, and

Resolved, That the report of Audit and Finance be received.

REPORT OF THE BOARD ON BENEVOLENCE.

R. W. Bro. A. T. Freed, Deputy Grand Master, on behalf of the Board of General Purposes, presented the following report, which was read by R. W. Bro. R. L. Gunn, Chairman of the Committee on Benevolence:

REPORT.

Toronto, July 18, 1906.

The Board of General Purposes begs leave to report as follows:

Since the last Annual Communication of Grand Lodge seventeen interim grants have been made by the Chairman of the Committee, amounting to the sum of \$775.00. By this means it has again been possible to extend temporary relief in extreme cases in which great hardships might have been experienced by the applicants if no such means of relief were provided. The adoption of this regulation some years ago has been of very great benefit in relieving the necessities of our brethren or their relatives at times when unforeseen trouble has overtaken them.

The action taken by Grand Lodge last year in making a special appropriation of fifty per cent. on the regular grants to all beneficiaries, in order to mark the Semi-Centennial of Grand Lodge, has been most acceptable to them and has been greatly appreciated.

The Board, having in view the authority given last year, to increase the maximum amounts of grants to brethren to \$150.00 and to relatives to \$100.00, and also taking cognizance of the increasing revenue of Grand Lodge, has taken great pleasure in recommending substantial increases to many of the beneficiaries, being careful, as far as possible, to give the increases to those applicants who are most in need of them and most deserving. The Board feels that the increasing revenue should be largely devoted to this purpose and that this action will meet with the hearty approbation of Grand Lodge. The aggregate increase in the amount recommended for benevolence grants owing to these increases is about \$4,000.00.

If the receipts and the expenditure on general account for the ensuing year be estimated at about the same figures as those of the past year, the increased aggregate to be granted at this session will cause an encroachment on the capital account of about \$1,000.00. The Board, however, has no hesitation in recommending the increase, knowing that every dollar of it is needed by the unfortunates whose wants so strongly appeal to our hearts, and for whose necessities there is urgent need for even greater allowances in many of the most needy cases.

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Resolved, That the report of the Board on Benevolence be received and adopted.

REPORT OF THE BOARD ON THE CONDITION OF MASONRY.

R. W. Bro. A. T. Freed, Deputy Grand Master, presented the following report, which was read by R. W. Bro. Aubrey White, Chairman of the Committee on the Condition of Masonry:

REPORT.

The Board has perused and considered the reports of the twenty-two District Deputy Grand Masters, who during the year just closed represented the Grand Master in the twenty-two districts into which, for purposes of visitation and inspection this Grand Jurisdiction is divided.

The Board is pleased to find that every lodge on the roll of this Grand Lodge has received a visit from a representative of the Grand Master. This is the state of things that Grand Lodge has aimed to bring about, and it is very satisfactory to find that for three years in succession practically every lodge has been inspected.

The Board feels bound once again to bear testimony to the energy and care displayed by the twenty-two District Deputies, who have had the several districts in charge. They one and all have realized that the duties of their positions are too important to be treated in a perfunctory manner, and have performed everything they were obligated to do when they were selected by their brethren, and endorsed and approved by the Grand Master. As has been said before, the officer who represents the Grand Master and becomes the embodiment of his wisdom and authority in even the smallest of the Districts has serious labor and great responsibilities imposed upon him. He is called upon to sacrifice his time and comforts in paying even the ordinary visits of inspection, and this without money and without price. It is true that where peace and harmony reign, and he is not a target for too many questions, his pathway is among the flowers. Unfortunately this is not always the case, and sometimes he is depressed and sick at heart at the bitterness he sees displayed. It happens too that when he tries to bring back harmony and good understanding his motives are criticized and he is the victim of sneers and innuendoes; fortunately this rarely happens in our jurisdiction, but when it does occur the District Deputies have always been found intelligent, courageous, and patient. Bearing in mind that the position of District Deputy is not a bed of roses, and that next to the Grand Master he is all powerful in his district, the Board would urge upon the brethren the importance of selecting only strong men well armed for such positions.

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strict Deputy Grand Masters complain that the Treasurers do not produce their books for inspection. Although it would be manifestly impossible for the officer to audit the books, they should be in the lodge so that he could see how they were kept, and Masters should instruct their Treasurers to this effect.

The Board urges upon Masters and lays it down as important that Secretaries and Treasurers should both be put under bonds for the due accounting for monies. Large sums pass through the hands of Secretaries, and the Board thinks the cost to the lodge of bonding both these officers would be money well spent.

The secretarial work is reported to be accurately and intelligently performed. The importance of keeping accurate records is not to be over-estimated. Every lodge should have its history written up when it becomes old enough to have a history, and when this comes to be done the value of full and accurate records will be appreciated. The Board is of opinion that the best results will be obtained by the employment of an intelligent Past Master at a reasonable remuneration as permanent Secretary. The lodges almost universally have adopted the precaution of insuring their property. But an occasional lodge is reported to have neglected this plain duty. This year the moral is again pointed, as two or three lodges lost all their assets by fire and had no insurance. The attention of the District Deputy Grand Masters is again called to the very large number of brethren reported in arrears for dues and the very serious amount of money outstanding. The Board has time and again called attention to this matter and pointed out the remedy. Those who are able should be made to pay, those who are not should be forgiven and the arrears wiped out. The Board suggest that District Deputy Grand Masters shall make a special effort this year to reduce the evil referred to.

The Board is pleased to report that Lodges of Instruction were held in five districts. They were all largely attended, and the effects of the association and emulation incident to the holding of them is favorably commented upon by the D. D. G. M's who were energetic enough to arrange for them. It is the express desire of Grand Lodge that a lodge of instruction shall be held in each district every year, and the Board calls the attention of the incoming D. D. G. M's to the obligation resting upon them to see Grand Lodge's directions carried into effect.

The Board is pleased to record the fact that many lodges attended divine services clothed as Masons. Large turnouts took place in the city of Ottawa and the city of Toronto on St. John's Day. The duty of praising God for His mercies ought not to be neglected by a body, the very breath of whose existence is the worship of Him who created the world and all that in there is. The Board commends those D. D. G. M's who arranged for church services, and hopes their good example will be largely followed during the coming year.

The practice of delivering lectures upon Masonic matters has almost disappeared from our lodges. This should not be,

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REPORT.

The Committee on Fraternal Dead beg to report that it is once more their sad duty to mark the absence and to put on record the names of those whose kindly faces we so sadly miss, and whose places amongst us must be by others filled. Yet so must it ever be. As annually we meet, the roll call, perhaps a silent one, shows us the vacant places in our lines which new forms and fresh faces must fill in order that we may carry on the work which should be our chiefest care.

During the past year many have been called away, loving hearts have been well nigh broken, and, in many cases, the widows and orphans of our brethren have been left to us as sacred legacies of trust. Should we not see to it that those dear ones shall amidst all their grief, find some sunshine in our loving care, and shall thank God daily, though with brimming eyes, that those whom they have lost were Freemasons, and so bound to us by a tie which the grisly tyrant himself is powerless to break or to loose.

Were this present existence the end of all things how unsatisfying and hopeless a thing life would be. Our present meetings, to which we now look forward with keenest pleasure from year to year, giving, as they do, rich promise of the renewal of true friendships, with the warm hand clasp, the answering look and smile from those whom the passing years have drawn ever closer to us, would be more or less dead sea fruit, turning to ashes in our mouths, for the scarce closed graves of our friends would yawn between us and happiness, the shadow of an everlasting parting would cloud our brightest moments. Thank God we Masons can look boldly beyond an ever fleeing present to an unchangeable future, and can in very truth confidently cry with one of old, "Death is swallowed up in victory."

Science tells us that nothing in nature is lost, nothing really dies, but that each atom does but enter into some new and wonderful combination, playing its many parts in the kaleidoscopic changes which forever go on around us. And in this truth we Masons read a deepest significance; we know that the body itself of him whose race has been valiantly run shall one day rise in triumph to claim forever its animating soul when "this corruptible shall have put on incorruption and this mortal shall have put on immortality"; were it not so the air would be

"Full of farewells to the dying,
And mournings for the dead."

But in still another sense we know that whilst yet the body lies slowly resolving itself to its mother earth a man lives on by force of his teaching, his examples, his life, and his consequent influence on others, and that it is indeed true that, even in this world, men never die. But if the thought brings comfort it is weighted with heavy responsibility. True it is that in a double sense

"The evil that men do lives after them";

lives in those whom they have tempted, endures in those who have been led astray by the specious glamor of a false life, lives on—to eternity it may be—in some other life which they may, by teaching or example, have lured into the primrose path that leads to ruin and to death.

Nay, brother Masons, Cain's dread question, "Am I my brother's keeper," has been answered once and for all of us. No one can live unto himself or for himself alone. We are, in the fullest sense, our brother's keeper, and this is the all-important truth which our annual tribute to our sleeping brethren should ever teach us. Have they wronged us, forget it, and see that we in our turn wrong not others; have they made partial shipwreck of their lives, let us avoid the treacherous sands, the luring currents, the hidden rocks on which their barks went down; have they left a stainless record of unfaltering trust in God and unselfish work for man, may we not follow in their steps, emulating their virtues, and striving each of us to

"Climb still higher in the way they trod,
To gaze with awe on th' unveiled face of God."

For let us remember that

"We live in deeds, not years; in thoughts, not breaths;
In feelings, not in figures on a dial.
We should count time by heart throbs. He most lives
Who thinks most, feels the noblest, acts the best."

Though we hear no answer from the limitless ocean on which they have set sail, yet will the name of each brother as it is spoken find sad echo in some hearts which loved him well.

And first, Grand Lodge has suffered a very severe loss in the death of P. G. M. Richard T. Walkem, K. C., whose genial presence was welcomed by us all just one year ago, and whose absence we now so sincerely mourn. Besides his high position as a Mason he had taken a prominent part in the public life of his city and of his well loved country. He was a prominent and valued figure in the councils of his church, and was always ready to take his share in any charitable or benevolent work. Gifted with a logical mind and a clear, strong intellect, he was a resolute and fearless champion of what he believed to be right. In brief, the verdict of those who knew him best is that "Duty was ever the law of his being." A life of such wide usefulness, so full of true manhood, needs no eulogy. Yet we shall miss his quiet dignity, his wise counsel, his ripe judgment, his kindly consideration for those who differed from him, and, most of all

"The best portion of a good man's life,
His little, nameless, well remembered acts
Of kindness and of love."

We pay to his memory the honors to which a life, so long, so useful and so honorable, and a devotion to Masonry so entire, has entitled it.

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R. W. Bro. Isaac P. Wilson, P. D. D. G. M., Merritt Nodge, No. 168, Welland, died November 30, 1905.

R. W. Bro. Geo. Gott, P. D. D. G. M., Thistle Lodge, No. 34, Amherstburg, died August 28, 1905. The oldest P. D. D. G. M. in the district and probably the oldest Mason.

R. W. Bro. T. F. Smith, P. D. D. G. M. Wellington District No. 7, Irving Lodge No. 203, Elora, died October 21, 1905.

R. W. Bro. John McLaren, P. D. D. G. M. Wellington District No. 7, Harris Lodge No. 216, Orangeville, died February 18th, 1906.

R. W. Bro. R. W. Barker, P. G. S. W., Ionic Lodge No. 25, died August 6, 1905.

R. W. Bro. J. J. Thompson, St. George Lodge No. 367, died January 12, 1906. His sudden death came as a great shock to his many friends.

R. W. Bro. Duncan A. MacDonell, Friendly Brothers Lodge No. 143. P. D. D. G. M. of old St. Lawrence District, who, as a soldier of the empire, served with distinction in Egypt and South Africa.

R. W. Bro. Ford, Farran's Point Lodge, No. 256.

R. W. Bro. John Boyd, Belmont Lodge, No. 190.

R. W. Bro. J. H. Widdifield, P. D. D. G. M., who died suddenly of apoplexy. He was well known as a leading politician, and his warm hearted and sympathetic geniality won for him hosts of friends.

R. W. Bro. Fred Walters, Doric Lodge, No. 382, Hamilton. P. D. D. G. M.

V. W. Bro. Richard Johnstone, Blair Lodge No. 134, Palmerston, died June 12 1906.

V. W. Bro. Hugh Wright, Seven Star Lodge, Alliston. One of the oldest members of Grand Lodge.

V. W. Bro. J. McL. Stevenson, Kerr Lodge No. 230, Barrie. A pioneer in Masonry and a very old member of Grand Lodge.

V. W. Bro. James Wilson, Zetland Lodge No. 326.

V. W. Bro. Wm. Walker, Harmony Lodge No. 438.

V. W. Bro. W. Spence, Fidelity Lodge No. 428, Port Perry. A wholesouled man and Mason.

V. W. Bro. A. A. Henderson, Chaudiere Lodge No. 264.

V. W. Bro. John Erskine, St. John's Lodge.

V. W. Bro. E. W. Harding, St. James Lodge No. 73, St. Mary's, died October 29, 1905.

V. W. Bro. Chas. A. Sippi, M. D., Kilwinning Lodge No. 64, London.

V. W. Bro. Jas. Adams, Minden Lodge No. 253. Kingston.

A long sad list of our brethren who have fallen as leaves that are loosened from the tree, but the tree of Masonry loses none of its life and vigor by the falling of its leaves ; rather is the world better for the lives of our brethren as the earth is enriched by the leaves that sink into its waiting bosom.

Shall we forget those whom soon we must ourselves follow into the dread unknown ? Forget them ! Rather "if for a moment their weaknesses and foibles claimed audience, let us now forget these. Are they indeed weaknesses ? Are they not rather but tendrils which Mother Nature gives us at our

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After some preliminary proceedings a convention was held at Calgary on the 12th day of October, 1905, at which the Grand Lodge of Alberta was formally constituted. A Constitution was adopted and officers were elected and installed in due form.

The consent of the Mother Grand Lodge of Manitoba was evidenced by the presence of the Grand Master, M. W. Bro. W. G. Scott, who installed the officers.

The lodges composing the new Grand Lodge are 18 in number, all holding charters from the Grand Lodge of Manitoba, and 17 were represented at the convention.

The membership is about 1,200.

M. W. Bro. George Macdonald, M. D., of Calgary, was elected Grand Master, and R. W. Bro. J. J. Dunlop, of Calgary, Grand Secretary.

All the proceedings appear to have been regular, and your Committee have much pleasure in recommending that recognition be extended to the Grand Lodge of Alberta, with best wishes for their progress and prosperity.

The application of Queensland was laid over last year. Since then this new Grand Lodge has given ample evidence of its ability to maintain itself with credit to the craft. The necessity of having a governing body to correct the numerous evils arising from rival institutions was clearly manifested, and the benefits will be equally in evidence in the future.

Your Committee recommend that the Grand Lodge of Queensland be recognized and that representatives be exchanged.

Fraternally submitted.

HENRY ROBERTSON,
Chairman.

It was moved by R. W. Bro. A. T. Freed, seconded by M. W. Bro. Benjamin Allen, and

Resolved, That the Special Report of the Board on Foreign Correspondence be received and adopted.

REPORT OF THE BOARD OF GENERAL PURPOSES ON FOREIGN CORRESPONDENCE.

R. W. Bro. A. T. Freed, Deputy Grand Master, presented the report on Foreign Correspondence, which upon motion was ordered to be printed as an appendix to the Proceedings.

REPORT OF THE BOARD OF GENERAL PURPOSES ON GRIEVANCES AND APPEALS.

R. W. Bro. A. T. Freed, Deputy Grand Master, presented the following report, which was read by M. W. Bro. J. M. Gibson:

REPORT.

To the M. W. the Grand Master and the Grand Lodge of Canada, A. F. & A. M., in Ontario :

The Sub-Committee on Grievances and Appeals beg to report as follows :

1. In the matter of certain charges made by W. Bro. W. J. Jones, I. P. M., against R. W. Bro. John Watson, W. M., and certain other officers of Stevenson Lodge, No. 218, G. R. C., Toronto. This case was dealt with by a commission appointed by M. W. the Grand Master, consisting of M. W. Bro. Malone, K. C., R. W. Bros. F. W. Harcourt, E. B. Brown, E. J. B. Duncan and E. M. Carleton. The case was patiently investigated by the commission, evidence covering over 140 type-written pages was taken and the commission reported to the Grand Master. The Grand Master, by his judgment in the case, concurred in the finding of the commission, and suspended until this meeting of Grand Lodge the W. M., W. Bro. John Watson; the Senior Warden, Bro. Edward Apted; the Secretary, W. Bro. George Wilson; the Treasurer, W. Bro. Joseph Leake, and the Senior Deason, Bro. Edwin Robinson. The charges consisted of, among other things, excluding three fellowcrafts from the lodge by raising the lodge to the third degree out of the ordinary routine of business, refusing to admit a large number of members waiting in the ante-room and desiring admission, distributing and using marked ballots by means of which secrecy of ballot was violated, and declaring ballot in favor of candidates while the ballot was in fact not clear. R. W. Bro. Watson and the officers already named appealed to Grand Lodge from the judgment or decision of the Grand Master, R. W. Bro. Watson basing his appeal mainly on the ground that the decisions against him were against evidence and the weight of evidence, while the other appellants submitted that the complained of proceedings of the lodge at the meeting in question were conducted for the best interests of the lodge and Masonry in general, but based their appeal on the ground that no charge had been made against them, and that they had not been placed upon trial for any offence charged against them, but that they were found guilty on evidence taken in the trial of R. W. Bro. Watson, at which they appeared as witnesses. In hearing the appeal counsel for the appellants urged very strongly that so far as the appellants other than R. W. Bro. Watson were concerned, there had been no definite or specific charges and that the proceedings against them were irregular and unfair, inasmuch as they were not individually put upon their defence of specific charges against them individually. The committee recommend that the suspensions of R. W. Bro. John Watson Bro. Edward Apted, W. Bro. George Wilson, W. Bro. Joseph Leake and Bro. Edwin Robinson be continued till the cases shall have been dealt with at the next meeting of Grand Lodge, and that the Junior Warden be also suspended for the same time, and that in the meantime specific charges be preferred against the said brethren other than the W. M. and also against the Junior Warden, and that the same

be investigated by such a commission as the Grand Master may appoint, and that in the matter of the charges against R. W. Bro. John Watson further evidence be allowed to be brought forward either against him or on his behalf. The Committee recommend that a dispensation be issued for the election and appointment of new officers instead of the brethren so suspended, and if necessary that the offices held by them be declared vacant, and that such new election be conducted under the direction of the D. D. G. M. having jurisdiction over said lodge. The Committee further recommend that with regard to the whole case and all questions involved the Grand Master be and he is hereby authorized to exercise all power and authority in the same way and to the same extent as if the matter had not come before Grand Lodge, but were still under his advisement and control.

2. Franck Lodge, No. 127, Frankford, vs. Bro. W. A. Black. Unmasonic conduct and misdemeanors involving moral turpitude and wronging Masons by fraud and misappropriating lodge funds to the extent of \$100. The case was regularly tried by the lodge and the brother found guilty and sentenced to indefinite suspension with recommendation to Grand Lodge for expulsion. At the last meeting of Grand Lodge it was ordered that Bro. Black be summoned to show cause why he should not be expelled from the Craft for said offence. He has not appeared or communicated in any way with the Grand Secretary or any other officer of Grand Lodge, and as the offence of which he has been convicted merits expulsion the Board recommend that he be expelled from the Craft for the said offence.

3. Georgina Lodge, No. 343, Toronto, vs. Lachlan Truman Lockheed. Unmasonic conduct, desertion of wife and family, and adultery. The evidence was taken by a committee of Georgina lodge and the defendant heard in his own behalf. The charges were sustained, and on 3rd September, 1904, the brother was unanimously suspended indefinitely and the recommendation made to Grand Lodge for his expulsion. No appeal was made on his behalf, and at the last meeting of Grand Lodge it was declared that he should be summoned to show cause at the next annual communication why he should not be expelled from the Craft for the said offence. He has not appeared or communicated in any way with the Grand Secretary or any other officer of Grand Lodge, and as the offences of which he has been convicted merit expulsion the Board recommend that he be expelled from the Craft for the said offences.

4. King Edward Lodge, No. 464, Sunderland, vs. Fidelity Lodge, No. 428, Port Perry. Invasion of jurisdiction by Fidelity Lodge initiating three candidates claimed to belong to jurisdiction of King Edward Lodge, No. 464, of Sunderland. The facts are fully set forth in the report of the committee of last year on Grievances and Appeals, but action was deferred inasmuch as it was said that negotiations for a settlement were then pending. No settlement having taken place, the committee recommend that as the three brethren whose initiations by Fidelity lodge are complained of were undoubtedly

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REPORT OF THE BOARD OF GENERAL PURPOSES ON CONSTITUTION, LAWS AND JURISPRUDENCE.

R. W. Bro. A. T. Freed, Deputy Grand Master, presented the following report, which was read by M. W. Bro. W. R. White:

REPORT ON THE NOTICES OF MOTION TO AMEND THE CONSTITUTION.

The Board of General Purposes beg leave to report as follows:

Notice 1, by R. W. Bro. J. K. Bryden. This can be considered if Grand Lodge thinks it wise to make an exception in the case of an individual lodge.

Notices 2 and 7, inclusive, by R. W. Bro. W. Geo. Eakins. These proposed amendments are simply clerical and can properly be considered by Grand Lodge.

Notice 8, by M. W. Bro. J. Ross Robertson. The subject matter of this notice is exactly the same as the amendments sought to be introduced in the Constitution adopted by Grand Lodge at its last communication as will be seen by reference to pages 448 and 463 of the proceedings of Grand Lodge, 1905, and therefore comes under clause 45 of the Constitution and can only be considered upon motion of Grand Lodge carried by two-thirds majority.

All of which is fraternally submitted.

W. R. WHITE,
Chairman.

It was moved by R. W. Bro. A. T. Freed, seconded by M. W. Bro. W. R. White, and

Resolved, That the report be adopted.

GRAND LODGE REGALIA.

It was moved by M. W. Bro. W. R. White, seconded by M. W. Bro. William Gibson, and

Resolved, That Grand Lodge purchase a new set of regalia.

CALLED OFF.

The Grand Lodge was then called from labor to refreshment, to meet again at 9.30 o'clock to-morrow morning.

SECOND DAY.

THURSDAY, July 19th, 1906.

The Grand Lodge resumed labor at 10 a. m.

It was moved by R. W. Bro. A. T. Freed, seconded by R. W. Bro. J. S. Dewar, and

Resolved. That the report of the Board on Printing and Supplies be adopted.

SUPPLEMENTARY REPORT OF THE BOARD OF
GENERAL PURPOSES ON AUDIT AND
FINANCE.

R. W. Bro. A. T. Freed, Deputy Grand Master, presented the following supplementary report on Audit and Finance, which was read by R. W. Bro. F. J. Skinner:

REPORT.

The Committee on Audit and Finance beg to present the following supplementary report :

In accordance with the resolution passed by the Board of General Purposes we recommend the payment of two hundred dollars to R. W. Bro. W. G. Eakins for his labors in preparing the index to the amended Constitution, of which committee he was chairman. The index is the best ever prepared for a similar purpose, being complete in every respect, and reflects credit upon R. W. Bro. Eakins, whose sole work it was.

Fraternally submitted.

GEO S. MAY,
Chairman.

It was moved by R. W. Bro. A. T. Freed, seconded by R. W. Bro. F. J. Skinner, and

Resolved, That the supplementary report on Audit and Finance be adopted.

It was moved by R. W. Bro. A. T. Freed, seconded by R. W. Bro. R. L. Gunn, and

Resolved, That the report of the Board on Benevolence be adopted.

It was moved by R. W. Bro. A. T. Freed, seconded by R. W. Bro. Aubrey White, and

Resolved, That the report of the Board on the Condition of Masonry be adopted.

REPORT OF THE BOARD OF GENERAL PURPOSES ON GRAND MASTER'S ADDRESS.

The Board, to which was referred the M. W. the Grand Master's address, for consideration, has the honor to report as follows :

The address is so admirable, both in matter and expression, that we find little in it to criticize or to call for any special suggestions. It may well be described as a scholarly and exhaustive record of one of the most prosperous years in the history of our Grand Lodge.

The increase in membership is more than ordinarily satisfactory, and the largest in the history of Grand Lodge, and a considerable addition has been made to the Semi-Centennial Benevolent Fund.

The Board heartily concurs in the grant made to the Grand Lodge of California in aid of the sufferers by the earthquake in San Francisco.

The Board concurs in the feeling references by the Grand Master to the deaths of so many distinguished brethren during the year, especially that of M. W. Bro. Walkem, whose eminent services to the Craft and high character make his loss deeply felt by every member of Grand Lodge.

The Board congratulates the Grand Master upon the large amount of Masonic work in the way of lodge dedications, laying of corner stones, and other Masonic and public functions performed by him during the year.

The Board concurs in the recognition of the Grand Lodge of Alberta and of the Grand Lodge of Queensland.

The Board concurs in the remarks of the Grand Master respecting the Semi-Centennial Benevolent Fund and the benevolent grants by Grand Lodge.

The Board congratulates the Grand Master upon his successful administration of the affairs of Grand Lodge during the year, resulting mainly from his arduous and indefatigable attention to the duties and responsibilities of his high office.

Fraternally submitted.

W. R. WHITE,
Chairman.

It was moved by R. W. Bro. A. T. Freed, seconded by M. W. Bro. W. R. White, and

Resolved, That the report of the Board on the address of the M. W. the Grand Master be adopted.

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NOTICES OF MOTION.

In the absence of R. W. Bro. J. K. Bryden, for the purpose of having the notice of motion voted upon,

It was moved by M. W. Bro. W. R. White and seconded by R. W. Bro. Aubrey White,

That article three of the Book of Constitution be amended by inserting after the word Wardens in the fourth line of said section the following words: "except in the case of Algoma District No. 17, and any Past Master (duly returned), entitled to a seat in Grand Lodge may be appointed a delegate to represent any Lodge in the said District of Algoma as Proxy, and which Proxy being signed by the W. M. and Secretary under the seal of the Lodge," and said section three be further amended by inserting after the word lodge: "except in the case of Algoma District, No. 17. and in such case shall not be entitled to represent more than three lodges."

The resolution was put to Grand Lodge and declared lost.

It was moved by R.W. Bro.W. Geo. Eakins, seconded by M. W. Bro. W. R. White, and

Resolved, That the words "not being a Masonic offence," in the third line of Sec. 52 of the Constitution be struck out.

It was moved by R.W. Bro.W. Geo. Eakins, seconded by M. W. Bro. W. R. White, and

Resolved, That the words "a Warden" on the third line from the bottom of Section 143 of the Constitution, be struck out, and the words "an officer," be substituted therefor.

It was moved by R.W. Bro.W. Geo. Eakins, seconded by M. W. Bro. W. R. White, and

Resolved, That the words "one year" in the second line of section 185 of the Constitution be struck out, and the words "for one year immediately previous to the date of his petition," be substituted therefor.

It was moved by R.W. Bro.W. Geo. Eakins, seconded by M. W. Bro. W. R. White, and

Resolved, That the words "do declare as follows" be added to the fourth line of the Form of Petition, Section 205, of the Constitution.

GRAND LODGE OF CANADA.

It was moved by R.W. Bro.W. Geo. Eakins, seconded by M. W. Bro. W. R. White, and

Resolved, that the word "duplicate" be struck out of the last paragraph of section 245 of the Constitution, and the word "new" substituted therefor.

It was moved by R.W. Bro.W. Geo. Eakins, seconded by M. W. Bro. W. R. White, and

Resolved, That the words "To a brother who has lost a certificate issued to him by Grand Lodge, a new certificate, setting forth the essential facts contained in the original certificate" be added to section 255 of the Constitution

It was moved by R. W. Bro. Aubrey White, seconded by M. W. Bro. Hugh Murray, that leave be given by Grand Lodge to vote upon the notice of motion in reference to undress clothing given by M. W. Bro. J. Ross Robertson. This motion was put to Grand Lodge and declared to be carried by more than a two-thirds vote.

It was moved by R. W. Bro. Aubrey White, and seconded by M. W. Bro. Benjamin Allen, that

The following undress regalia and insignia may be worn by Past Grand Officers and members of Grand Lodge :

APRONS.

Past Grand Master.—A plain white lambskin, eighteen inches wide, sixteen inches deep, inclusive of a four-inch garter blue ribbon border, ornamented with the blazing sun embroidered in blue silk in the centre, with three levels in blue silk, and gilt chain tassels.

Past Deputy Grand Master.—Apron of same dimensions, with the square and compass embroidered in blue silk in the centre, within a wreath of corn and acacia.

Past District Deputy Grand Master.—Apron of the same dimensions, bordered with four-inch wide garter blue ribbon, with the name or number of the district in a circle, surmounting a square and compass, embroidered in blue silk in the centre.

Past Grand Senior Warden.—Apron of same dimensions, with the level embroidered in blue silk in the centre, within a wreath of corn and acacia.

Past Grand Junior Warden.—Apron of same dimensions, with the plumb embroidered in blue silk in the centre, with a wreath of corn and acacia.

Past Grand Chaplain.—Apron of same dimensions, with the Book within the triangle, surmounting a glory or radiated star of 12 points.

Past Grand Treasurer.—Apron of same dimensions, with key embroidered in blue silk, within a wreath of corn and acacia.

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Past Grand Secretary.—Apron of same dimensions, with two pens in saltire or crossed over, tied by a ribbon, within a wreath of corn and acacia.

Past Grand Registrar.—Apron of same dimensions, with a scroll with seal appended, embroidered in blue silk in the centre, within a wreath of corn and acacia.

Past Grand Deacon.—Apron of same dimensions, with the dove and olive branch embroidered in blue silk in the centre of a wreath of corn and acacia.

Past Grand Superintendent of Work.—Apron of same dimensions, with a semi-circular protractor embroidered in blue silk within a wreath of corn and acacia.

Past Grand Director of Ceremonies.—Apron of same dimensions, with two rods in saltire or crossed over, tied by a ribbon, embroidered in blue silk, within a wreath of corn and acacia.

Past Assistant Grand Secretary.—Same as Grand Secretary, but with the word "Assistant" placed above the crossed pens.

Past Assistant Director of Ceremonies.—Same as Director of Ceremonies, but with the word "Assistant" placed above and between the two upper ends of the rods.

Past Grand Sword Bearer. Apron of same dimensions, with two swords in saltire or crossed over, embroidered in blue silk within a wreath of corn and acacia in the centre.

Past Grand Organist.—Apron of same dimensions, with a lyre or harp embroidered in blue silk, within a wreath of corn and acacia in the centre.

Past Grand Pursuivant.—Apron of same dimensions, with arms of Grand Lodge surmounting a sword and rod, saltire or crossed, embroidered in blue silk, within a wreath of corn and acacia in the centre.

Past Grand Stewards.—Apron of same dimensions, but with crimson edging four inches wide with a flap, bordered with ribbon two inches wide and levels of crimson silk and silver tassels hanging from this with crimson ribbon, no embroidery in centre.

Past Grand Standard Bearer.—Apron of similar dimensions, with two staves in saltire, tied by a ribbon flowing from the dexter, a standard of the arms of Grand Lodge, and from the sinister a standard of the arms of the Grand Master for the time being.

COLLARS AND JEWELS.

All collars to be of plain garter blue ribbon, 4 inches wide, and appended the jewel of the office in an oval wreath of gold.

The resolution was put to Grand Lodge and declared *lost*.

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- W. Bro. L. W. Coulter, Civil Service Lodge, No. 148.
" W. F. McCracken, Chaudiere Lodge, No. 264.
" E. W. Honsinger, St. David's Lodge, No. 302.
" W. J. Farmery, The Beaches Lodge, No. 473.
Bro. B. Sheldon, S. W., Corinthian Lodge, No. 476.
" H. C. Scully, S. W., Alpha Lodge, No. 384.
" W. C. Crumb, J. W., Maple Leaf Lodge, No. 362.

CALLED OFF.

The Grand Lodge was called from labor to refreshment, to meet again at 1.30 o'clock p. m.

The Grand Lodge resumed labor at 1.50 o'clock p. m.

ELECTION OF OFFICERS.

R. W. Bros. J. B. Nixon, on behalf of the Scrutineers of the ballot, presented the following report of the names of the brethren elected to the several offices and to the Board of General Purposes:

- M. W. Bro. James H. Burritt, K.C., Pembroke, Grand Master.
R. W. Bro. Augustus T. Freed, Hamilton, Deputy Grand Master.
R. W. Bro. H. A. Taylor, Toronto, Grand Senior Warden.
R. W. Bro. A. K. Wanless, Sarnia, Grand Junior Warden.
M. W. Bro. E. T. Malone, K. C., Toronto, Grand Treasurer.
M. W. Bro. Hugh Murray, Hamilton, Grand Secretary.
R. W. Bro. W. D. Tye, Goderich, Grand Registrar.
R. W. Bro. Right Reverend Dr. Williams, Bishop of Huron, London, Grand Chaplain.

And by open vote of Grand Lodge,

Bro. John Sweetman, Ottawa, Grand Tyler.

BOARD OF GENERAL PURPOSES.

- R. W. Bro. A. Shaw, Kingston.
R. W. Bro. D. F. Macwatt, Sarnia.
R. W. Bro. F. J. Skinner, Gananoque.
R. W. Bro. A. J. Young, North Bay.
R. W. Bro. S. A. Luke, Ottawa.

Subsequently the M. W. the Grand Master was pleased to announce the following appointments on the Board for the ensuing term of two years, viz.:

- R. W. Bro. W. Geo. Eakins, Toronto.
R. W. Bro. Wm. Rea, Ottawa.
R. W. Bro. J. S. Dewar, London.
R. W. Bro. W. D. McPherson, Toronto.
R. W. Bro. J. C. Hegler, Ingersoll.

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THANKS TO BOARD OF SCRUTINEERS.

It was moved by R. W. Bro. A. T. Freed, seconded by M. W. Bro. A. A. Stevenson, and

Resolved, That the thanks of Grand Lodge be, and they are hereby tendered to R. W. Bro. J. B. Nixon and the worshipful brethren and brethren who have been associated with him, for the careful and satisfactory performance of their duties as Scrutineers.

THANKS TO BOARD OF CREDENTIALS.

It was moved by R. W. Bro. A. T. Freed, seconded by M. W. Bro. A. A. Stevenson, and

Resolved, That the thanks of Grand Lodge be, and are hereby tendered, to R. W. Bros. Wm. Roaf, S. E. Cornell, J. A. Tancock, W. G. Stephenson, A. M. Fulton, E. Fitzgerald, and W. Bros. Edward Barber and Charles Murray, for their arduous services as members of the Board of Credentials during the meeting of Grand Lodge.

APPOINTED OFFICERS.

The M. W. the Grand Master was pleased to announce the following appointments to office for the ensuing year:

- V. W. Bro. James H. Leach, Pembroke, Grand Senior Deacon.
- " Douglas Robertson, Eglinton, Grand Junior Deacon.
- " A. C. Rorabeck, North Bay, Grand Supt. of Works.
- " J. McPherson Ross, Balmy Beach, Grand Director of Ceremonies.
- " Geo. S. Mitten, Sarnia, Asst. Grand Secretary.
- " A. E. Jewett, Chatham, Asst. Grand Director of Ceremonies.
- " William J. Heaman, Eketer, Grand Sword Bearer.
- " J. J. Foster, Listowel, Grand Organist.
- " F. M. Bond, Port Dover, Asst. Grand Organist.
- " G. N. Kidd, Carp, Grand Pursuivant.
- " A. H. Johnson, Collingwood, Grand Steward.
- " H. L. Anderson, Niagara-on-the-Lake, Gr. Steward.
- " Daniel McDonald Toronto, Grand Steward.
- " E. Mosgrave, Kirkfield, Grand Steward.
- " A. B. Carscallen, Enterprise, Grand Steward.
- " John E. Purvis, Athens, Grand Steward.
- " Robert Delahey, Cobden, Grand Steward.
- " Robert McConkey, Kearney, Grand Steward.
- " William A. Brown, Chesterfield, Grand Steward.
- " J. R. Fraser, Lakefield, Grand Steward.
- " Dugald Graham, Lobo, Grand Steward.
- " C. A. B. Brown, Toronto, Grand Steward.
- " W. A. Clark, Guelph, Grand Standard Bearer.
- " Samuel Flatt, Waterdown, Grand Standard Bearer.

THE GRAND LODGE CLOSED.

The business of Grand Lodge being ended, it was closed at 3.40 o'clock p. m. in ample form.

ATTEST :



Hugh Murray
Grand Secretary.



9	aUnion.....	Ni
10	aNorfolk	St
11	aMoirs	Be
14	aTrue Britons.....	Pa
15	St. George's.....	St.
16	aSt. Andrew's.....	To
17	St. John's... ..	Col
18	aPrince Edward...	Pie
20	aSt. Johns.....	Lo
21	aSt. John's.....	Va
22	aKing Solomon's...	Toe
23	Richmond.....	Ric
24	aSt. Francis.....	Sm
25	aIonia	Toe
26	aOntario	Port
27	aStrictObservance	Han
28	aMount Zion.....	Ken
29	aUnited.....	Brig
30	aComposite.....	Whi
31	aJerusalem.	Bow
32	aAmity.....	Dun
33	aMaitland	Gode
34	aThistle.....	Amh
35	St. John's.....	Cayn
37	aKing Hiram.....	Ingr
38	aTrent.....	Tien
39	aMount Zion.....	Broo
40	aSt. John's.....	Ham
41	aSt. George's.....	King
42	aSt. George's.....	Lond
43	King Solomon's....	Wood
44	aSt. Thomas	St. Th
45	Brant.....	Brant
46	aWellington	Chatl
47	aGreat Western...	Wind
48	aMadoc	Madoc
50	aConsecon.....	Conse
52	Dalhousie	Ottav
54	aVaughan	Mapl
55	aMerrickville	Merr
56	aVictoria.....	Sarni
57	aHarmony	Binb
58	aDoric	Ottav
61	aAcacia	Ham
62	aSt. Andrew's.....	Caled
63	aSt. John s.	Carle
64	aKilwinning	Lond
65	aRebecca.....	

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1906, AND LAST RETURNS RECEIVED.

May, 1906, and Ledger Balances at that Date.

of St. John the Evangelist; all others on that of St. John the Baptist.

No. of Lodge	Initial'd	Passed	Raised.	Joined.	With- drawn.	Deaths	S.N.D.	S.T. M.C.	Ex- pelled.	Re- stored.	Total Memb's	Last Returns	Ledger.		Paid Grand Lodge.
													Dr. Bal	Cr. Bal	
2	9	3	3			1				1	69	Jun 1906			\$ 44 25
3	16	14	8		6	4	1				169	"			109 25
4	22	20	23		4	5					260	"		\$ 00	165 20
5	13	10	11		2	6				1	263	"			276 50
6	9	8	11			2					93	"	\$ 6 50		69 75
7	7	4			4	1	2				108	Dec. '05	12 50		35 00
8	15	17	14		3	1	4				120	Jun 1906			
9	4	7	6	1		1				7	126	"			135 50
10	8	5	4	1	1	1					103	"			68 00
11	8	5	4	1	1	1				2	109	"			78 50
12	16	20	16	5	4	2					225	"			278 75
13	2	3	3	2							93	"	1 25		87 00
14	11	12	16	4	2	2				1	231	"			173 00
15	20	20	17	1	2	4				1	223	"			130 00
16	4	5	2	1	5		3				64	"			42 50
17	16	12	10	4	7	3	3			2	229	"	25 50		168 50
18	6	9	9	3	4	1				1	44	"			30 50
19	12	9	9	3	4	3	1				142	"	1 00		106 25
20	9	8	12	4	8	3				1	266	"			136 25
21	6	5	5	5	3	1	5			1	116	"			66 00
22	12	16	18	6	2	11					267	"	63		288 50
23	2	3	3		3	3				2	53	"			46 50
24	10	7	6		5	1					109	"			86 00
25	2	2	3		3						69	"			42 00
26	4	6	5		1	2	5			1	96	"	1 00	2 00	77 75
27	7	8	7	2	2	1	1			1	105	"			96 25
28	9	10	8	3		2					127	"	40 75		74 50
29	4	5	6		2	1	3				75	"	25 25		86 00
30	3	2	4	1							63	"	23 25		35 60
31	18	13	8		9					2	122	"	4 25		111 50
32	16	15	12	4	1	5					106	"			93 50
33	1	1	1	2							33	"			14 50
34	23	20	20	3		1	6				494	"	30		306 00
35	2	3	3		2						96	"			63 00
36	9	9	12	2	2	1					124	Dec. '05			109 00
37	17	17	16		3	2	2			3	142	Jun 1906			113 25
38	15	10	9	2	4	3	1			1	236	"	25		189 50
39	21	20	17	10	4	1	7				207	"	4 00		165 25
40	6	3	1	2	4						167	Dec. '05			117 75
41	24	19	13		8	5	4				274	Jun 1906	6 00		222 00
42	11	10	6	3	2	2					120	"			64 50
43	7	10	9	1		1					62	Dec. '05			59 00
44	17	16	17	6	2	1	2			2	180	Jun 1906	1 00		135 00
45	1	2	1								40	"	2 00		99 00
46	4	3	2	1	2		1			1	77	"	1 00		78 00
47	8	13	12		2	2	2				196	Dec. '05			186 25
48	3	1	1		3		4				49	Jun 1906	10 25		47 25
49	11	13	13	3	2	1				1	154	"			121 00
50	24	27	24	5	5	4	5			2	349	"	17 00		255 00
51	4	4	4			1				1	54	"	13 50		41 00
52	8	10	10		5	3					162	"	6 00		126 00
53	24	17	17	2	2	5	5			3	213	"			259 50
54	22	22	16	4	5	3	2				300	"			178 00
55	1	1			1						21	"	2 00		17 75
56	6	4	4		1					2	87	"			61 00
57				1	2					1	63	Dec. '05	6 00		70 25
58		6	3		3						123	Jun 1906			82 00
59		4	5		1						76	"			54 50
60	8	7	4	1	2	1					66	"	4 00		49 50
61	9	8	4	1	4	1	1				224	"	17 00		212 25
62	17	18	19	5	9	8	3			3	159	"	1 00		189 75
63	18	15	13	3	4	2				2	149	"			102 50
64	14	13	6	3	2						153	Dec. '05	2 00		122 00
65	2	1	1		2	1					57	Jun 1906			51 00
66	19										86	"	4 00		41 50
67	3	2			3						63	"	15 00		21 00

91	aColborne.....	
92	aCataraqui.....	
93	aNorthern Light...	
94	aSt. Mark's.....	
96	aCorinthian.....	
97	aSharon.....	
98	True Blue.....	
99	aTuscan.....	
100	Valley.....	
101	aCorinthian.....	
103	aMaple Leaf.....	
104	St. John's.....	
105	aSt. Mark's.....	
106	aBurford.....	
107	St. Paul's.....	
108	Blenheim.....	
109	aAlbion.....	
110	aCentral.....	
113	aWilson.....	
114	aHope.....	
115	aIvy.....	
116	aCassia.....	
118	Union.....	
119	aMaple Leaf.....	
120	Warren.....	
121	aDoric.....	
122	aRenfrew.....	
123	aThe Belleville...	
125	aCornwall.....	
126	aGolden Rule.....	
127	aFrank.....	
128	aPembroke.....	
129	The Rising Sun....	
131	aSt. Lawrence.....	
133	aLebanon Forest..	
135	aSt. Clair.....	
136	Richardson.....	
137	aPythagoras.....	
139	Lebanon.....	
140	aMalahide.....	
141	aTudor.....	
142	aExcelsior.....	
143	aFriendly Brothers	
144	aTecumseh.....	
145	aJ. B. Hall.....	
146	aPrince of Wales...	
147	aMississippi.....	

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No. of Lodges	Initia'd	Passed	Ratified	Joined	With- drawn	Deaths	S. N. P. D.	S. U. M. C.	Ex- pelled	Re- stored	Total Memb's	Last return	Ledger.		Paid Grand Lodge
													Dr. Bal	Cr. Bal	
83	2	7	5	1	1	2				2	103	Dec. '05	\$ 1 10		
84	5	3	1	1	1	1	6			1	63	Jan 1906	2 00		\$41 00
85	5	3	2	1	1	1				2	68	"	4 00		60 00
86	29	29	30	3	7	6				4	255	"	34 00		\$17 00
87	8	9	9								69	"	68		69 00
88	7	8	8		3	1	10	1		1	164	"			92 00
89	11	8	9	4	8	1				1	166	"			98 25
90	1	2	3	1		1					67	Dec. '06			68 00
91	1	2	3	1		1					67	"			110 50
92	5	4	3	2	5	2	1				102	Jan 1906			69 00
93	4	2	2	1		2	1			4	98	"			69 00
94	9	7	4		1					1	58	"	\$ 1 10		48 25
95	9	11	11	3	1	1					173	"	6 35		167 40
96	11	7	2	2	2	1				3	67	"	8 00		30 50
97	5	3	3	2	2	1	1			3	52	"			38 50
98	5	5	3	2	2	1					75	"	28 00		68 50
99	14	17	16	8	2	2	1				122	"		50	97 50
100	5	4	4		1						125	"			64 50
101	3	3	7		1	2				1	156	"	48 25		63 75
102	10	9	7	2	2					2	68	"			62 50
103	17	12	10			1					116	"			116 75
104	5	5	3				1				75	"		6 00	50 50
105	3				2		5			2	59	"	13 25		41 00
106	3	3	3	1			2				51	"			37 50
107	7	7	5		1	1	1				73	"	2 00		47 50
108	3	2	3	1	2	1	1				76	"	WTL		71 75
109	14	9	10		1	1					124	"			100 75
110	10	7	7			2				2	119	"			68 50
111	9	10	7	2		1	1			2	98	"			77 25
112	2	3	3	1							43	"			40 50
113	7	7	7								37	"		25	34 00
114	9	9	8	2		1					57	"			50 00
115	9	9	9				1				54	Dec. '05			2 00
116	40	43	40	9	5	4	3			2	346	Jan 1906	3 61		348 00
117	4	8	9		1	2	2				117	"			82 25
118	18	14	12	1	1	1	2			1	170	Dec. '05	2 00		108 50
119	2	3	1	1		1	1			2	109	Jan 1906			88 75
120	8	5	4	2	2	1					52	"	2 00		27 00
121	8	7	3	2	2		1	1			90	"		12 00	93 50
122	7	10	10	1	2	2					144	"	1 00		113 50
123	7	5	3	3	1	1	1				76	"	83 50		67 00
124	6	3	4		2	1					73	"		2 00	59 25
125	6	5	3	1	2	1					86	"	1 50		59 75
126	3	4	6							1	96	"			125 75
127	6	6	5		1	1				1	61	"			53 75
128	13	9	5	2	2	1					101	"		5 00	60 00
129	11	10	10		1	1	1				78	"			67 25
130	5	5	5	1	1	2	1				108	"			69 00
131	5	4	4	1							55	Dec. '05	1 00		43 00
132	1	1	1	1	1					1	62	Jan 1906			21 00
133	5	5	6	1	4		3			1	102	Dec. '05		3 60	1 00
134	17	17	13	4	9	2	7			1	145	Jan 1906			129 75
135	5	3	2			1				1	67	"			34 50
136	5	3	2			2	1				44	"			21 00
137	3	3	3	1	3						89	"		1 50	59 75
138	34	30	28	12	3	1				2	124	"			121 50
139	2	2	4	1		2					66	"	3 00		16 25
140	16	15	17	2	2						157	"	25		113 75
141	5	6	7		2						98	"	15 00		74 00
142		2	2		1						72	Dec. '05			43 00
143	6	4	5	2	3	3					111	Jan 1906			113 25
144	23	16	17	6	1		2			1	129	"		15 00	142 50
145	5	4	4	1	3						72	"	3 00		54 00
146	2	1	1	1		2					55	"			30 50
147	4	5	5	2	2	1				2	75	"			51 00
148	3	3	3	2	2	1				2	80	"		1 00	49 75
149	1					1					28	Dec. '05			24 00

171	aPrince of Wales .	J
172	aAyr	A
174	aWalsingham	W
177	The Builders'	C
178	aPlattsville	P
180	aSpeed	G
181	aOriental	O
184	aOld Light	L
185	aEnniskillen	E
186	aPlantagenet	P
190	Belmont	B
192	aOrillia	O
193	aScotland	S
194	aPetrolea	P
195	aThe Tuscan	T
196	aMadawaska	M
197	aSaugeen	S
200	St. Alban's	M
201	aLeeds	L
203	Irvine	I
205	New Dominion	N
207	aLancaster	L
209a	aSt. John's	L
209	Evergreen	E
212	aMylsian	M
215	Lake	L
216	aHarris	H
217	aFrederick	F
218	aStevenson	S
219	aCredit	C
220	aZeredatha	Z
221	aMountain	M
222	aMarmora	M
223	aNorwood	N
224	aZurich	Z
225	aBernard	B
228	aPrince Arthur	P
229	aIonic	I
230	Kerr	K
231	Lodge of Fidelity .	L
232	aCameron	C
233	Doric	D
234	aBeaver	B
235	Aldworth	A
236	aManitoba	M
237	Vienna	V
238	Havelock	H

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A.M.E.B. No.	Passed.	Raised.	Joined.	With- drawn.	Deaths.	B.N. P.D.	S.U. M.O.	Expt'd	Rest'd.	Total M'emb.	Last Returns	Ledger.		Paid Grand Lodge.
												Dr.	Cr. Bal.	
5	90	13	5	6					1	106	Jun 1906	16 00		\$ 97 25
6	5	5	1	2	1	1				91	"	3 00		55 50
7	9	11	1							131	Dec '05			107 50
8	6	7	1		2	2				92	Jun 1906			99 25
9	1	1	1	1						70	"	25		39 25
10	2	2	2	5						91	"			59 00
11										45	Jun 1906	1 00		50 50
12	4	6			1					49	Jun 1906		2 00	54 50
13	4	4				1				59	"	6 00		43 00
14	17	13	1	5	1		1			186	"			197 25
15	2	2	1	1	1					40	"			22 75
16	2	2	2	2	3					78	"			55 25
17		1							1	30	"	1 00		21 25
18	0	5	2	4		6			2	69	"			55 75
19	1	2	2	2					1	26	"	7 75		9 75
20	6	6	2							44	"	6 25		44 50
21	7	8			1				1	51	"	1 00		38 50
22	15	12	1	4		10				140	"			146 75
23	7	4	1	1		1	1		1	72	"	1 50		47 50
24	8	7	1	1	1	2			2	82	"			47 25
25	1	1	1	3					1	88	"	2 00		48 00
26	4	5	2	2					1	103	"	2 00		76 00
27	8	7	4	1	1					70	"		15 00	71 25
28	3	2	1	4						60	"	3 00		33 50
29	12	11	13	5	2				1	142	Dec. '05		25	127 50
30	5	3	3	2	2					57	Jun 1906		2 00	56 50
31	1	1	1		2					38	"			26 75
32	9	7	4							79	"	1 00		40 00
33	25	21	19	4	4	2				288	"			213 00
34	2	2	1	2					1	51	"			27 50
35	2	1	1	2					1	21	"	4 00		9 75
36	3	3	2							69	Dec. '05	1 00		44 50
37	3	5	6	4	1	5				164	Jun 1906	5 00		166 25
38	4	3	1	1	1	1				66	"	33 25		26 50
39	15	3	3	3	2	7			5	220	"	15 00		102 50
40	3		1		2					68	"	7 50		26 75
41			1	1	1	2			2	72	"		50	44 00
42	4	6	8	4	3		1		3	98	"			37 75
43	6	5	2	2	1	6				76	"	1 00		58 25
44	7	11	2	7	2	1				77	"		1 00	77 75
45	6	3	7	1	2					78	"	1 00		55 50
46	11	5	6	7	4	2				95	"	2 00		60 50
47	3	2	2	1	2				1	42	"	2 00		24 50
48	2	2	4		1	1			1	74	"	2 50		53 75
49	3	4		5	1					106	"			69 50
50	15	12	11	3	1				1	150	"		50	121 00
51	2	1	2						1	65	Dec '05	11 00		14 00
52	3	2	1	3	2					54	Jun 1906		15	49 25
53	2	2	4							71	Dec. '05	3 00		43 50
54										50	Jun 1906			65 50
55	2	4	5	1	3					58	Jun 1906			52 50
56	4	3	1							54	"			26 00
57	3	2	1		1					70	"	2 00		48 00
58	14	12	13	4						60	"	25 50		
59	6	6	6		2	2				78	"			22 15
60	6	5	1		1				1		"			49 75
61	4	6		1	1					53	"	1 75		57 50
62	16	13	14	3					1	227	"	2 75		181 50
63	10	6	2	9		3			1	134	"			119 00
64	3	5	3							22	Dec. '05	3 00		62 00
65	9	2	3	1	3					21	Jun 1906			55 00
66	14	19	13	2	1	4				144	"	1 25		111 00
67	6	6	2			4				76	"		3 50	56 00
68	1	1		2	1				2	60	"	15 00		11 00
69	5	7	12	5	1	6				127	"		14 00	115 00

REVENUE OF LODGES AS AT JUNE 24, 1904.

Lodge.	Where Held.	Night of Meeting.	W. Master.	Secretary.
220 Osnipe	Osnipe	1st Tuesday	W. A. Mahoney	D. T. Forth...
221 Springfield	Springfield	1st Monday	Joe R. McLaughlin	W. M. Black...
222 Washington	Peterborough	1st Wednesday	H. Harrington	W. A. W. Deakin
223 York Branch	Innerkip	1st Monday	J. G. Heacock	H. Q. Irving
224 Harrison	Harrison	1st Monday	Andrew Fisher	H. C. Bradshaw
225 Forest	Forest	1st Monday	Joe A. Brand	P. W. Campbell
226 Chesapeake	Chesapeake	1st Tuesday	Robt. McCracken	Thos. B. Adams
227 Patterson	Thorahill	1st Monday	Joe Barker	J. B. French
228 Northern Light	W. A. W.	1st Monday	Rev. Coburn	J. W. Mathews
229 Parthian	Chatham	1st Wednesday	John M. Pike	J. W. French
230 Verulam	Verulam	1st Monday	By. Buchner	Wm. J. Bond
231 Birmingham Union	Claremont	1st Monday	Thos. Gregg	R. E. Forsythe
232 Cedar	Oshawa	1st Tuesday	E. D. Drew	L. E. Martin
233 Wellington	Essex	1st Monday	Ruth Jones	Dugald Campbell
234 Baymour	Baymour	1st Monday	Geo. Munro	James Stewart
235 Kent	Essex	1st Monday	T. Pickering	H. M. Thompson
236 Temwater	Temwater	1st Friday	A. B. Smith	J. P. Ferguson
237 Baymour	P. Dalhousie	1st Monday	T. M. Johnston	John O'Connell
238 New Hope	Hesperia	1st Monday	A. Jardine	Joe Jardine
239 Lorne	Gloucester	1st Monday	J. C. Elliott	W. J. French
240 Koroaka	Hallsville	1st Monday	Chas. L. Salzman	W. J. Diamond
241 St. John's	Brussels	1st Monday	Joe Dalenstye	John Wright
242 Heaven Star	Alliston	1st Monday	H. J. Wallace	W. B. Clifton
243 Wingham	Wingham	1st Tuesday	H. O. Bell	J. A. Moran
244 Abundant	Port Arthur	1st Tuesday	P. B. Allen	Geo. H. Hayes
245 Doris	Lobo	1st Monday	John A. Ferguson	P. L. Graham
246 Leamington	Leamington	1st Monday	Thos. Bowley	W. P. Williams
247 Elfrith	W. Flamboro	1st Monday	J. E. Minchen	Alfred Jones
248 Robertson	King	1st Monday	Geo. Ryan	A. Carley
249 Moore	Courtright	1st Monday	Rev. Edwin Lee	P. J. Tully
250 Courthouse	Drayton	1st Tuesday	Calvert Berry	W. H. Smith
251 Temple	St. Catharines	1st Wednesday	H. P. Nicholson	E. O. Breen
252 Preston	Preston	1st Monday	John Short	Joe Ballantyne
253 Victoria	Centerville	1st Monday	W. H. Aythworth	Robt. Cox
254 Mount Olive	Thorndale	1st Monday	P. C. McOutcheon	H. M. Wright
255 St. David's	St. Thomas	1st Thursday	E. W. Hastings	Fred. S. Lewis
256 Dwyth	Dwyth	1st Monday	Wm. Watson	J. M. Hamilton
257 Minerva	Bloom	1st Monday	John F. Ardill	Joe Black
258 Hamlet	Wheat	1st Monday	W. H. Gammell	H. O. Moore
259 Durham	Durham	1st Tuesday	W. E. Brooker	Joe B. Gurn
260 Arkona	Arkona	1st Monday	P. W. Crawford	Fred. Nelson
261 Morning Star	South & Hill	1st Monday	Alas. Robertson	John Varcoe
262 Blackwood	Woodbridge	1st Monday	Alas. Hayward	D. Norton
263 Poyz	Wellesburg	1st Monday	H. J. Watts	E. E. Parker
264 Clonmell	Lakeland	1st Tuesday	J. H. Short	G. B. Hillard
265 Blair	Palmerston	1st Friday	Geo. E. Holloway	H. McEwing
266 Clifford	Clifford	1st Monday	G. Harbison	M. B. Mathews
267 Doris	Toronto	1st Thursday	J. M. Wainman	H. C. Griffiths
268 Wilmet	Radan	1st Monday	W. Wight	J. A. Butler
269 Hiram	Hagerstown	1st Monday	H. J. Catherwood	H. A. Howard
270 Westerville	Westerville	1st Monday	H. P. D. Evans	C. F. Robinson
271 Walker	Acton West	1st Monday	R. M. McDevide	W. Allen
272 North Star	Owen Sound	1st Monday	J. A. Richardson	J. F. McCallum
273 Alvinston	Alvinston	1st Monday	H. M. McDevide	H. Crisp
274 Temple	Hamilton	1st Tuesday	T. H. Hayhurst	Thos. Pedder
275 Ororo	Ororo	1st Monday	Joe Henry	R. E. Hall
276 Zealand	Toronto	1st Friday	E. B. Dransfield	J. R. Macdonald
277 The Hammond	Wardville	1st Monday	Ruth Wallace	E. D. Jamieson
278 Leno	Hopier	1st Monday	P. B. Elliot	Henry Lowe
279 King Solomon	Jarvis	1st Monday	Thos. E. Lewis	H. A. Howell
280 Corinthian	London East	1st Tuesday	Ruth Johnston	H. C. Simpson
281 Fordwich	Fordwich	1st Monday	Joe Bonnellberg	A. C. Hutchinson
282 Stratford	Stratford	1st Monday	P. B. Dumas	P. J. Gault
283 Prince Arthur	Flamboro	1st Monday	W. A. Armstrong	Herbert Smith
284 Prince Arthur	Arthur	1st Monday	W. B. Armstrong	W. Parker
285 Highgate	Highgate	1st Monday	Geo. F. Hayward	F. Littlejohn

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No. of Lodge.	Initia'd	Passed.	Raised.	Joined.	With- drawn	Deaths	S.N. P.D.	S.U. M.C.	Exp'd	Rest'd.	Total M'mb's	Last Ret'ns	Ledger.		Paid Grand Lodge.
													Dr. Bal.	Cr. Bal.	
258	11	16	15	1	3	.....	7	.....	.....	1	91	Jun1906	\$ 9 00	.....	\$ 98 75
259	9	7	4	1	1	2	.....	.....	.....	.....	39	"	.....	\$ 3 50	111 25
260	15	13	13	3	.....	1	.....	1	.....	1	107	"	4 00	.....	16 50
261	3	3	1	.....	1	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	28	"	.....	.....	84 25
262	6	5	2	1	3	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	84	"	.....	8 00	68 00
263	4	3	3	2	3	2	.....	.....	.....	.....	80	"	.....	4 00	108 75
264	10	11	10	.....	.....	3	.....	.....	.....	.....	138	"	.....	.....	38 75
265	1	.....	.....	.....	1	.....	1	.....	.....	.....	46	Dec. '05	.....	.....	20 25
266	2	1	1	1	1	.....	.....	.....	.....	1	22	"	50	.....	169 25
267	14	12	10	2	1	1	9	.....	.....	1	125	Jun1906	.....	.....	28 25
268	7	3	2	.....	1	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	43	"	3 75	.....	.....
269	10	7	7	1	.....	1	2	.....	.....	.....	57	"	.....	1 00	53 75
270	4	4	4	.....	2	1	2	.....	.....	.....	69	Dec. '05	11 00	.....	11 25
271	6	6	5	.....	1	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	70	Jun1906	12 00	.....	95 75
272	8	9	10	.....	4	1	.....	.....	.....	1	100	"	.....	.....	2 25
274	7	8	6	2	1	1	.....	.....	.....	2	77	Jun1905	27 25	.....	26 25
276	2	2	3	3	1	1	3	.....	.....	.....	28	Jun1906	2 00	.....	44 50
277	3	5	5	.....	1	.....	3	.....	.....	1	47	"	.....	.....	45 25
279	4	4	4	.....	1	.....	1	.....	.....	1	65	"	2 00	.....	37 75
282	5	3	3	1	2	2	.....	.....	.....	.....	56	"	50	.....	47 00
283	6	3	3	3	1	3	.....	.....	.....	1	76	"	.....	.....	40 50
284	6	3	2	.....	1	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	66	"	.....	.....	57 45
285	9	7	3	.....	.....	2	.....	.....	.....	.....	76	"	.....	2 70	53 00
286	5	5	2	1	3	1	7	.....	.....	.....	81	"	.....	.....	64 75
287	24	22	21	2	2	2	.....	.....	.....	.....	169	"	1 25	.....	25 00
289	1	2	2	.....	2	1	4	.....	.....	.....	37	"	.....	.....	95 00
290	9	11	11	2	1	.....	1	1	.....	1	122	"	2 00	.....	50 38
291	10	12	11	.....	2	2	.....	.....	.....	.....	79	"	3 00	.....	24 25
292	.....	1	1	.....	1	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	37	"	.....	2 00	48 50
294	4	4	3	1	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	42	"	.....	.....	29 00
295	10	7	6	2	2	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	58	"	.....	4 00	43 50
296	5	4	4	.....	1	2	.....	.....	.....	.....	63	"	.....	.....	42 00
297	4	4	4	.....	2	2	1	.....	.....	.....	54	"	.....	1 00	16 50
299	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	33	Jun1905	3 50	.....	55 50
300	8	8	7	.....	2	.....	.....	.....	.....	1	46	Jun1906	.....	1 00	55 50
302	13	12	11	1	1	2	1	.....	.....	3	207	"	78 00	.....	185 50
303	5	4	2	.....	3	1	.....	.....	.....	.....	55	"	.....	.....	30 50
304	11	10	9	.....	1	.....	.....	.....	.....	1	65	"	.....	.....	58 50
305	4	4	1	.....	3	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	60	"	.....	.....	23 00
306	7	8	9	.....	4	.....	1	.....	.....	2	59	"	.....	.....	48 75
307	3	3	2	1	6	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	37	"	1 00	.....	25 25
309	7	6	5	.....	1	2	4	.....	.....	1	51	Dec. '05	.....	.....	98 00
311	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	41	Dec. '04	2 50	.....	.....
312	7	6	6	2	.....	2	5	.....	.....	.....	93	Jun1906	.....	.....	64 00
313	6	5	4	.....	1	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	65	"	.....	.....	63 75
314	7	8	7	2	.....	2	.....	.....	.....	1	65	"	.....	1 00	55 75
315	4	5	2	.....	1	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	38	"	.....	.....	42 25
316	37	17	5	11	5	1	2	.....	.....	.....	363	Dec. '05	.....	.....	473 00
318	2	2	2	.....	.....	.....	1	.....	.....	.....	28	Jun1906	22 00	.....	34 00
319	.....	.....	1	1	4	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	46	"	.....	.....	24 25
320	5	6	9	.....	2	1	.....	.....	.....	1	89	"	1 00	.....	76 00
321	5	4	2	.....	1	.....	1	.....	.....	.....	51	"	.....	1 50	44 00
322	10	8	10	6	1	.....	.....	.....	.....	1	147	Dec. '05	25	.....	108 00
323	3	3	3	1	1	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	68	Jun1906	2 12	.....	50 50
324	8	6	7	1	.....	2	.....	.....	.....	.....	324	Dec. '05	3 00	.....	223 75
325	1	1	3	.....	.....	1	.....	.....	.....	.....	34	Jun1906	.....	.....	29 50
326	19	13	12	5	4	2	2	.....	.....	1	451	"	1 00	.....	363 50
327	4	4	4	2	2	1	.....	.....	.....	.....	26	"	3 00	.....	26 00
328	2	4	4	.....	.....	1	.....	.....	.....	1	32	"	10 00	.....	52 25
329	7	7	5	1	3	.....	1	.....	.....	.....	59	"	25	.....	40 00
330	9	8	7	.....	.....	1	.....	.....	.....	2	136	"	.....	.....	91 00
331	.....	.....	.....	1	.....	1	.....	.....	.....	.....	42	"	.....	25	33 25
332	11	8	6	2	2	1	1	.....	.....	.....	178	"	8 00	.....	183 25
333	4	3	2	.....	4	1	.....	.....	.....	.....	52	"	3 00	.....	39 00
334	2	2	1	1	3	.....	2	.....	.....	.....	52	"	.....	.....	24 50
336	6	5	3	.....	4	1	2	.....	.....	1	57	"	.....	.....	56 00

RETURNS OF LODGES AS AT JUNE 24, 1906.

No. of Lodge.	Lodge.	Where Held.	Night of Meeting.	W. Master.	Secretary.
337	aMyrtle	Pt. Robinson	Tu.on or b.f.m	F. H. Clark	Samuel Hill....
338	Dufferin	Welland port	Tu.on or b.f.m	Rich. Putman ...	Jas. B. Goring ..
339	aOrient	Toronto.....	1st Tuesday...	Edward Mack ...	F. H. Anderson...
341	aBruce.....	Tiverton	Tu.on or b.f.m	C. F. Fawcett....	J. M. Bowia.....
343	Georgina	Toronto.....	1st Saturday	C. B. M. Murray.	J. M. Sumner....
344	Merrill	Dorch'st r's'n	Th.on or b.f.m	C. A. Hunt.....	W. J. Canning....
345	Nilestown	Nilestown ...	Tu.on or b.f.m	Fred. Burton.....	A. O. Barrows...
346	aThe Occident.....	Toronto.....	3d Wednesd'y	J. M. Marks.....	John Lillie.....
347	aMercer	Fergus	1st Friday.....	Alex. Shaw.....	T. N. Wansbrough
348	aGeorgian.....	Pen'tang'sh'e	1st Thursday..	Geo. Robinson ...	W. H. Hewson...
352	aGranite	Parry Sound.	3d Wednesday	A. J. Whitby	D. Macfarlane ...
354	Brock	Cannington...	W. on or b.f.m	W. H. Bick	Joseph A. Kift...
356	River Park.....	Streetsville...	Tu.on or b.f.m	M. S. Mercer	O. B. Church....
357	Waterdown.....	Millgrove.....	Tu.on or b.f.m	Jas. Stewart	Miles Markle....
358	aDelaware Valley.	Delaware ...	F. on or b.f.m	J. R. Hammond.	Wm. Harker....
359	aVittoria	Vittoria	F. on or b.f.m	C. A. Dunkin.....	John Pow
360	aMuskoka	Bracebridge.	1st Tuesday..	Hy. J. Bird, Jr....	Rich. Mills
361	aWaverley	Guelph	4th Monday...	R. L. McKinnon.	W. E. Cutten....
362	aMaple Leaf.....	Tara.....	M. on or b.f.m	E. A. Gerolamy...	Jas. A. McDonald
364	aDufferin	Melbourne...	W. on or b.f.m	J. W. Campbell..	Geo. J. Hagerty.
367	aSt. George.....	Toronto.....	1st Friday.....	R. W. Brennen...	R. C. Gallagher..
368	aSalem	Brockville ...	2nd Monday...	H. A. Clark.....	E. A. Geisler....
369	aMimico.....	Lambton M..	Tu.on or b.f.m	J. A. Moran.....	W. R. Woodhill..
370	Harmony	Delta.....	W. on or b.f.m	Hilliard Howard	J. W. Russell....
371	aPrince of Wales...	Ottawa	4th Friday.....	E. G. Shane	John B. Wright..
372	aPalmer	Bridgeburg...	Tu.on or a.f.m	F. T. Pattison...	J. G. Watts.....
373	aCopestone	Welland	1st Thursday.	Rv. G. Johnstone	Thomas Main....
374	aKeene	Keene	Th.on or b.f.m	S. A. Smithson...	A. D. Anderson...
375	aLorne	Omeme	1st Thursday.	R. J. Patterson...	G. S. Cameron MD
376	aUnity	Huntsville...	2d Wednesday	S. A. Hutcheson.	Oscar Wisler....
377	aLorne	Shelburne...	1st Friday.....	J. A. Mills.....	Hugh Smith
378	aKing Solomon's...	London West	2nd Thursday	Jos. McDougall...	W. Nicholl
379	aMiddlesex.....	Bryanston ...	W.on or b.f.m.	W. A. Roberts...	Alex. Grant
380	aUnion.....	London.....	2nd Monday...	E. A. Crawford...	Jos. Ward
382	Doric.....	Hamilton ...	3rd Monday...	C. M. Sinclair...	C. V. Emory, M.D.
383	aHenderson	W. Winch'ter	F. on or b.f.m.	C. H. Fullerton...	Geo. A. Johnson..
384	aAlpha	Toronto.....	1st Thursday..	R. E. Port	E. J. Voas.....
385	aSpry	Beeton	M. on or b. f. m	A. R. Mills.....	Rev. Geo. Crystal
386	aMcColl	West Lorne..	Tu.on or b.f.m	D. M. Leitch	Wm. A. Becker...
387	aLansdowne.....	Lansdowne..	Th.on or b.f.m	S. C. Horton	J. A. Bradley, Jr.
388	Henderson	Iderton.....	M.on or b. f. m	W. W. Robson...	J. H. Robson....
389	aCrystal Fountain	N. Augusta..	W.on or b.f.m	Geo. W. Chapman	W. H. Waddell MD
390	aFlorence	Florence ...	Th.on or b.f.m	W. J. Bodkin.....	J. A. Emery....
391	aHoward	Ridgetown ...	M. on or b.f.m	C. A. Dunkley...	W. H. Ellsworth
392	aHuron	Camlachie ...	W. on or b.f.m	Malc'lm Cochran	A. Truaxer
393	Forest.....	Chesley.....	1st Tuesday...	Wm. Halliday ...	W. T. Ross
394	King Solomon	Thamesford.	W. on or b.f.m	Thos. Abbott.....	J. S. Robinson..
395	Parvaim	Comber.....	Fri.on or b.f.m	W. G. Campbell.	E. S. Hughes....
396	aCedar.....	Warton ...	Tu.on or b.f.m	Gideon Kastner.	E. Y. Jackson....
397	aLeopold.....	Brigden.....	W. on or b.f.m	Wm. Neil.....	W. J. Brown'se..
398	Victoria	Kirkfield.....	F. on or b.f.m.	J. F. Ross, M.D...	John B. Graham
399	Moffat.....	Harrietsville	W.on or b. f. m	Walter Kunz.....	H. W. Yorke
400	aOakville	Oakville.....	Tu.on or b f.m	W. T. Marlatt...	C. A. Bradbury..
401	aCraig.....	Deseronto ...	1st Tuesday...	Robt. Whyte	T. W. Rowland...
402	Central	Essex	W on or b.f.m	F. B. Geddes	R. J. Shaw
403	aWindsor	Windsor ...	1st Friday.....	Alfred Miers	A. N. Pettit.....
404	aLorne	Tamworth...	F. on or b f.m	S. E. Kennedy ...	Jas. Aylesworth
405	Mattawa	Mattawa	1st Tuesday...	W. G. Diawoodie	b. C. MacDonald
406	aThe Spry....	Fenel'n Falls	W on or b.f.m	F. H. Magee.....	E. Fitzgerald...
408	Murray.....	Reaverton ...	Tu.on or b.f.m	D. W. Walls.....	Nell Rutherford
409	aGolden Rule	Gravenhurst	2d Monday....	F. Hornsby.....	G. W. Keith ...
410	aZeta.....	Toronto	4th Friday ...	E. Barber	A. E. Faulds ...
411	aRodney.....	Rodney	W.on or b.f.m	Jas. D. McLean...	A. S. Winlow...
412	aKeystone	S. St. Marie..	1st Tues. a.m.	H. P. Broughton.	C. M. Buscombe.
413	aNaphtali.....	Tilb'y Cent'e	Tu on or b.f.m	W. H. Lewis.....	W. A. Hutton ...
414	Pequonga.....	Kenora.....	1st Wednesd'y	J. W. Skinner...	S. C. Sharnes ...

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No of Lodge.	Initia'd	Passed	Balanc'd	Join'd	With- drawn	Deaths	S. N. P. D.	S. U. M. O.	Exp'd	Rest'd	Total Memb's	Last Ret'ns	Ledger.		Paid Grand Lodge
													Dr. Bal.	Cr. Bal.	
387	8	8	10	1	1	4	1	1	1	1	48	Jun 1906	95	.....	\$ 50 75
388	4	4	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	57	"	41 25	.....	1 00
389	26	21	15	3	5	3	11	1	1	4	273	"	.....	9 25	221 75
341	8	8	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	54	Dec '06	78 50	.....	.....
343	15	13	15	3	15	4	2	1	1	1	243	Jun 1906	50	.....	200 50
344	4	3	3	1	3	1	1	1	1	1	28	"	.....	1 00	73 50
345	2	1	4	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	35	"	.....	2 00	38 50
346	34	30	26	2	2	1	3	1	1	3	240	"	.....	10 00	218 00
347	2	2	3	1	2	1	1	1	1	1	59	"	.....	2 25	25 00
348	3	3	3	1	2	1	1	1	1	1	55	"	.....	3 25	89 00
349	13	9	6	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	90	"	.....	.....	75 25
354	4	7	6	1	1	3	1	1	1	1	68	"	.....	2 00	43 50
355	8	6	8	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	47	"	.....	9 00	48 50
357	7	9	7	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	90	"	.....	25	70 50
358	3	2	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	36	"	48 00	.....	.....
359	2	2	2	1	3	1	1	1	1	1	47	"	.....	.....	99 50
360	.....	3	3	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	68	"	.....	.....	47 00
361	8	4	6	4	2	2	5	1	1	1	125	"	.....	7 50	84 75
362	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	48	"	.....	9 00	31 25
364	1	3	3	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	9	Dec. '05	11 00	.....	30 50
367	28	25	28	3	3	3	1	1	1	4	258	Jun 1906	.....	.....	205 50
368	11	16	16	1	3	1	1	1	1	1	147	"	.....	50	138 75
369	6	8	8	1	3	1	2	1	1	2	64	"	.....	.....	48 50
370	5	4	4	1	3	1	4	1	1	1	63	Dec '05	4 50	.....	48 75
371	11	11	17	1	3	1	1	1	1	1	100	Jun 1906	.....	.....	130 50
372	3	5	4	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	80	"	.....	.....	68 50
373	5	4	2	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	80	"	.....	.....	54 75
374	8	1	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	36	"	.....	.....	34 00
375	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	28	Dec. '04	1 00	.....	.....
376	3	3	2	1	1	1	5	1	1	1	90	Dec '05	1 00	.....	80 00
377	7	5	4	1	1	1	5	1	1	1	69	Jun 1906	3 00	.....	43 25
378	11	10	11	1	1	1	8	1	1	1	111	"	.....	.....	107 00
379	2	2	2	1	3	3	3	1	1	1	69	Dec. '05	2 00	.....	98 00
380	9	4	12	1	3	4	1	1	1	1	168	"	.....	.....	117 50
382	35	37	37	1	5	4	1	1	1	2	271	Jun 1906	7 00	.....	237 00
383	15	12	12	2	1	1	3	1	1	1	92	"	.....	.....	78 00
384	14	15	14	2	5	2	1	1	1	1	312	Dec. '05	.....	50	268 25
385	5	4	4	1	5	1	1	1	1	1	60	Jun 1906	.....	18 50	68 25
386	6	6	5	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	42	"	.....	.....	56 75
387	1	6	7	1	2	1	1	1	1	1	42	"	.....	.....	43 50
388	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	36	Jun 1906	40 50	.....	1 00
389	11	10	8	1	3	1	1	1	1	1	44	Jun 1906	.....	.....	43 25
390	3	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	27	Dec. '05	6 25	.....	22 25
391	13	14	15	1	4	3	3	1	1	1	77	Jun 1906	.....	.....	77 50
392	6	5	4	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	62	"	.....	.....	34 25
393	6	6	4	1	5	1	1	1	1	1	39	"	19 00	.....	37 75
394	6	5	6	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	75	"	1 00	.....	51 00
395	2	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	50	"	.....	.....	35 50
396	15	12	13	4	6	1	3	1	1	1	12	"	.....	.....	115 50
397	5	5	6	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	60	Dec '06	.....	10 00	43 00
398	3	2	2	1	3	1	5	1	1	1	35	Jun 1906	.....	.....	58 50
399	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	26	"	.....	.....	19 25
400	2	3	6	1	3	1	1	1	1	1	26	"	.....	25	95 50
401	2	1	2	2	2	1	1	1	1	1	52	Dec. '06	.....	.....	40 00
402	1	1	3	1	4	1	1	1	1	1	55	Jun 1906	.....	.....	53 00
403	1	16	15	6	5	1	5	1	1	1	206	"	3 00	.....	176 50
404	14	13	13	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	89	"	.....	10 00	70 75
405	4	5	4	1	5	1	5	1	1	1	70	"	3 00	.....	67 75
406	6	5	5	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	70	"	.....	.....	65 75
408	6	7	6	1	5	1	1	1	1	1	40	"	.....	3 00	58 50
409	15	15	12	2	1	1	1	1	1	1	74	"	40 00	.....	.....
410	22	18	20	1	2	3	1	1	1	1	202	"	90 00	.....	171 50
411	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	38	Jun 1906	2 00	.....	14 25
412	14	16	24	7	6	1	1	1	1	1	287	Jun 1906	4 60	.....	188 50
413	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	77	Jun 1906	.....	.....	45 50
414	6	5	6	3	1	1	1	1	1	1	115	June '06	3 00	.....	40 75

423 aStrong
 424 aDoric
 425 aSt. Clair
 426 aStanley
 427 aNickel
 428 Fidelity
 429 aPort Elgin
 430 aAcacia
 431 Moravian
 432 aHanover
 433 aBonnechere
 434 aAlgonquin
 435 aHavelock
 436 aBurns
 437 aTuscan
 438 aHarmony
 439 aAlexandria
 440 Arcadia
 441 Westport
 442 aDyment
 443 aPowassan
 444 aNitetis
 445 aL'ke of the Woods
 446 aGranite
 447 Sturgeon Falls
 448 Xenophoa
 449 aDundalk
 450 aHawkesbury
 451 aSomerville. . .
 452 aAvonmore
 453 Royal
 454 aCorona
 455 Doric
 456 Elma
 457 Century
 458 aWales
 459 aCobden
 460 Rideau
 461 aIonia
 462 Temiscaming
 463 aNorth Entrance.
 464 King Edward
 465 Carleton
 466 aCoronation
 468 Peel
 467 Tottenham
 469 Algoma

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													Dr. Bal.	Cr. Bal.	
415	16	16	23	1	2	4	1	125	Jun1905	\$ 8 00	\$ 136 50
416	37	Dec. '05	75	21 25
417	63	Jun1905	2 25	86 50
418	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	60	"	8 00	.....	63 75
419	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	86	"	.....	1 25	68 75
420	11	9	8	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	118	"	.....	.....	112 25
421	6	4	6	1	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	91	"	.....	.....	81 75
422	7	7	6	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	51	"	75	.....	14 00
423	8	2	1	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	51	"	.....	.....	53 75
424	3	3	3	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	41	"	6 25	.....	25 00
425	9	6	3	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	70	"	.....	.....	60 00
426	15	19	16	2	6	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	248	"	.....	.....	175 00
427	11	5	.....	2	2	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	148	"	4 00	.....	102 75
428	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	91	Jun1905	.....	50	12 50
429	9	1	1	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	52	Jun1905	.....	.....	40 00
430	11	9	5	4	1	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	124	"	75	.....	115 00
431	1	1	3	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	50	"	.....	1 50	39 00
432	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	44	Jun1905	1 50	.....	24 75
433	9	12	18	1	6	.....	2 7	.....	.....	.....	50	Jun1905	2 00	.....	61 50
434	1	3	5	1	9	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	50	Dec. '05	.....	.....	1 00
435	2	3	6	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	79	"	.....	.....	32 50
436	2	2	2	4	1	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	35	Jun1905	.....	.....	35 50
437	16	13	15	5	3	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	134	"	.....	4 00	132 25
438	43	40	37	4	5	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	207	"	34 00	.....	257 25
439	9	11	2	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	47	"	.....	.....	31 00
440	5	5	4	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	46	"	.....	6 75	44 50
441	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	35	Dec. '05	.....	.....	15 25
442	10	10	5	1	2	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	77	Jun1905	1 00	.....	68 75
443	1	1	1	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	66	Dec. '05	2 25	.....	38 50
444	3	5	8	1	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	54	"	.....	.....	65 50
445	2	1	1	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	31	"	1 75	.....	59 00
446	5	1	3	2	1	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	56	Jun1905	.....	.....	24 25
447	6	3	5	2	2	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	57	"	.....	7 25	1 00
448	5	4	4	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	36	Dec. '05	.....	.....	36 00
449	6	9	7	1	3	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	39	Jun1905	.....	.....	49 75
450	9	3	1	1	3	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	56	"	.....	.....	58 75
451	9	3	6	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	61	"	.....	.....	49 50
452	9	7	4	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	39	"	17 75	.....	11 00
453	20	19	10	2	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	72	"	4 50	.....	40 00
454	5	3	2	1	1	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	44	"	20 75	.....	1 00
455	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	63	Jun1905	.....	.....	26 75
456	2	2	2	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	35	Dec. '05	.....	4 00	33 25
457	9	6	6	2	1	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	23	Jun1905	48 75	.....	18 00
458	3	3	3	1	1	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	56	"	.....	3 00	37 50
459	5	7	8	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	52	"	.....	.....	26 50
460	2	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	50	Dec. '05	.....	25	37 50
461	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	61	Jun1905	.....	.....	26 25
462	13	10	7	4	4	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	56	Jun1905	3 00	.....	75 50
463	3	3	2	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	30	"	.....	4 00	26 00
464	10	11	10	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	48	"	.....	.....	48 75
465	4	6	7	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	43	"	12 25	.....	32 00
466	12	13	12	1	1	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	54	"	.....	1 00	66 25
467	5	3	4	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	37	"	2 00	.....	37 50
468	6	5	6	1	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	36	"	.....	24 00	60 75
469	11	18	15	3	3	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	75	"	.....	25 50	190 50
470	8	7	6	2	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	54	"	4 10	.....	65 25
471	13	12	12	1	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	39	"	.....	.....	68 75
472	19	19	18	2	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	84	"	.....	25	95 75
473	22	22	15	2	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	55	"	.....	5 00	69 50
474	28	30	26	17	1	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	69	"	.....	.....	127 75
475	14	12	11	12	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	43	"	.....	.....	77 25
476	20	19	15	11	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	45	"	.....	1 00	53 25
477	24	14	13	1	37	"	6 00	20 00
Bad M'be	7	4	11	Jun1905	2 00
Mis- cell.	90	25 00
U.D.	11	50 00
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												Miscellaneous	4280 51
													530 25
													224,352 00

GRAND LODGE OF CANADA.

LIST OF LODGES—BY DISTRICTS.

ERIE DISTRICT, NO. 1. (24.)

D.D.G.M.—R. W. Bro. R. N. Fraser, Thamesville.

No. 34, Thistle.....	Amherstburg	No. 336, Highgate.....	Highgate
" 41, St. George.....	Kingsville	" 386, McColl.....	West Lorne
" 46, Wellington.....	Chatham	" 390, Florence.....	Florence
" 47, Great Western.....	Windsor	" 391, Howard.....	Ridgetown
" 245, Tecumseh.....	Thamesville	" 395, Parvaim.....	Comber
" 255, Sydenham.....	Dresden	" 402, Central.....	Essex
" 267, Parthenon.....	Chatham	" 403, Windsor.....	Windsor
" 274, Kent.....	Blenheim	" 411, Rodney.....	Rodney
" 282, Lorne.....	Glencoe	" 413, Naphtali.....	Tilbury Centre
" 290, Leamington.....	Leamington	" 422, Star of the East.....	Bothwell
" 312, Pnyx.....	Wallaceburg	" 448, Xenophon.....	Wheatley
" 327, The Hammond.....	Wardsville	" 457, Century.....	Merlin

ST. CLAIR DISTRICT, NO. 2. (20.)

D.D.G.M.—R. W. Bro. Stewart McWhorter, Petrolia.

No. 56, Victoria.....	Sarnia	No. 294, Moore.....	Courtright
" 81, St. John's.....	Mt. Brydges	" 307, Arkona.....	Arkona
" 83, Beaver.....	Strathroy	" 323, Alvinston.....	Alvinston
" 116, Cassia.....	Thedford	" 328, Ionic.....	Napier
" 153, Burns.....	Wyoming	" 364, Dufferin.....	Melbourne
" 158, Alexandra.....	Oil Springs	" 392, Huron.....	Camlachie
" 194, Petrolia.....	Petrolia	" 397, Leopold.....	Brigden
" 238, Havelock.....	Watford	" 419, Bismarck.....	Point Edward
" 260, Washington.....	Petrolia	" 425, St. Clair.....	Sombra
" 263, Forest.....	Forest	" 437, Tuscan.....	Sarnia

LONDON DISTRICT, NO. 3. (26.)

D.D.G.M.—R. W. Bro. R. F. O'Neill, Thamesford.

No. 20, St. John's.....	London	No. 299, Doric.....	Lobo
" 42, St. George's.....	London	" 300, Mt. Olivet.....	Thorndale
" 44, St. Thomas.....	St. Thomas	" 302, St. David's.....	St. Thomas
" 64, Kilwinning.....	London	" 330, Corinthian.....	London East
" 94, St. Mark's.....	Port Stanley	" 344, Merrill.....	Dorchester Station
" 107, St. Paul's.....	Lambeth	" 345, Nilestown.....	Nilestown
" 120, Warren.....	Fingal	" 358, Delaware Valley.....	Delaware
" 140, Malahide.....	Aylmer	" 378, King Solomon's.....	London W
" 171, Prince of Wales.....	Lawrence	" 379, Middlesex.....	Bryanston
" 190, Belmont.....	Belmont	" 380, Union.....	London
" 195, Tuscan.....	London	" 388, Henderson.....	Ilderton
" 202a, St. John's.....	London	" 394, King Solomon.....	Thamesford
" 232, Cameron.....	Dutton	" 399, Moffat.....	Harrietsville

SOUTH HURON DISTRICT, NO. 4. (17.)

D.D.G.M.—R. W. Bro. S. G. Holley, New Hamburg.

No. 33, Maitland.....	Goderich	No. 224, Zurich.....	Hensall
" 73, St. James'.....	St. Mary's	" 233, Doric.....	Parkhill
" 84, Clinton.....	Clinton	" 308, Blyth.....	Blyth
" 133, Lebanon Forest.....	Exeter	" 309, Morning Star.....	Smith's Hill
" 141, Tudor.....	Mitchell	" 318, Wilmot.....	Baden
" 144, Tecumseh.....	Stratford	" 332, Stratford.....	Stratford
" 154, Irving.....	Lucan	" 456, Elma.....	Menkton
" 170, Britaunia.....	Seaforth	U.D. Milverton.....	Milverton
" 205, New Domini'n.....	New Hamb'g		

NORTH HURON DISTRICT, NO. 5. (19.)

D.D.G.M.—R. W. Bro. S. J. Cameron, Wiarton.

No. 93, Northern Light.....	Kincardine	No. 331, Fordwich.....	Fordwich
" 131, St. Lawrence.....	Southampton	" 341, Bruce.....	Tiverton
" 162, Forest.....	Wroxeter	" 362, Maple Leaf.....	Tara
" 184, Old Light.....	Lucknow	" 393, Forest.....	Chesley
" 197, Saugeen.....	Walkerton	" 396, Cedar.....	Warton
" 225, Bernard.....	Listowel	" 429, Port Elgin.....	Port Elgin
" 235, Aldworth.....	Paisley	" 431, Moravian.....	Eden Grove
" 276, Teeswater.....	Teeswater	" 432, Hanover.....	Hanover
" 284, St. John's.....	Brussels	" 436, Burns.....	Hepworth
" 286, Wingham.....	Wingham		

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WILSON DISTRICT, NO. 6. (21.)

D.D.G.M.—R. W. Bro. J. W. Dutton, Woodstock.

No. 10, Norfolk.....Simcoe	No. 149, Erie.....Port Dover
" 87, King Hiram.....Ingersoll	" 174, Walsingham.....Port Rowan
" 43, King Solomon.....Woodstock	" 178, Flatville.....Plattsville
" 62, St. John's.....Ingersoll	" 181, Oriental.....Port Burwell
" 78, Oxford.....Woodstock	" 193, Scotland.....Scotland
" 78, King Hiram.....Tilsonburg	" 217, Frederick.....Dalhousie
" 62, St. John's.....Paris	" 227, Vienna.....Vienna
" 104, St. John's.....Norwich	" 230, Thistle.....Embro
" 106, Burford.....Burford	" 231, Oak Branch.....Ingersoll
" 108, Blenheim.....Princeton	" 239, Vittoria.....Vittoria
" 113, Wilson.....Waterford	

WELLINGTON DISTRICT, NO. 7. (21.)

D.D.G.M.—R. W. Bro. John Jardine, Hespeler.

No. 72, Alma.....Galt	No. 279, New Hope.....Hespeler
" 151, The Grand River.....Berlin	" 285, Conestogo.....Drayton
" 172, Ayr.....Ayr	" 297, Preston.....Preston
" 180, Speed.....Guelph	" 306, Durham.....Durham
" 200, St. Alban's.....Mount Forest	" 314, Blair.....Palmerston
" 208, Irvine.....Elora	" 315, Clifford.....Clifford
" 216, Harris.....Orangeville	" 324, Prince Arthur.....Arthur
" 227, Galt.....Galt	" 347, Mercer.....Fergus
" 258, Guelph.....Guelph	" 361, Waverly.....Guelph
" 262, Harriston.....Harriston	" 431, Scott.....Grand Valley
" 271, Wellington.....Erin	

HAMILTON DISTRICT, NO. 8. (22.)

D.D.G.M.—R. W. Bro. Lyman Lee, Hamilton.

No. 6, The Barton.....Hamilton	No. 166, Westworth.....Stoney Creek
" 37, Strict Observance.....Hamilton	" 219, Credit.....Georgetown
" 40, St. John's.....Hamilton	" 243, St. George.....St. George
" 45, Brant.....Brantford	" 272, Seymour.....Ancaster
" 57, Harmony.....Binbrook	" 291, Dufferin.....West Flamboro'
" 61, Acacia.....Hamilton	" 321, Walker.....Acton West
" 62, St. Andrew's.....Caledonia	" 324, Temple.....Hamilton
" 100, Valley.....Dundas	" 337, Waterdown.....Millgrove
" 121, Doric.....Brantford	" 362, Doric.....Hamilton
" 125, St. Clair.....Milton	" 400, Oakville.....Oakville
" 126, Burlington.....Burlington	" 475, Dundurn.....Hamilton

GEORGIAN DISTRICT, NO. 9. (22.)

D.D.G.M.—R. W. Bro. W. H. Wright, Owen Sound.

No. 79, Simcoe.....Bradford	No. 304, Minerva.....Stroud
" 82, St. George's.....Owen Sound	" 322, North Star.....Owen Sound
" 90, Manito.....Collingwood	" 333, Prince Arthur.....Fleasherton
" 95, Corinthian.....Barrie	" 348, Georgian.....Penstangulabene
" 137, Pythagoras.....Meaford	" 377, Lorne.....Shelburne
" 192, Orillia.....Orillia	" 385, Ppny.....Beeton
" 230, Kerr.....Barrie	" 444, Nitatus.....Creemore
" 234, Beaver.....Clarksburg	" 449, Dundalk.....Dundalk
" 236, Antioch.....Cookstown	" 455, Coronation.....Elmvale
" 249, Caledonian.....Midland	" 467, Tottenham.....Tottenham
" 255, Northern Light.....Stayner	" 470, Victoria.....Victoria Harbor
" 256, Seven Star.....Alliston	

NIAGARA DISTRICT, NO. 10. (22.)

D.D.G.M.—R. W. Bro. E. J. Leubsdorf, St. Catharines.

No. 2, Niagara.....Niagara	No. 281, Mountain.....Thorold
" 7, Union.....Grimsby	" 284, Clifton.....Niagara
" 15, St. George's.....St. Catharines	" 277, Seymour.....Port Dalhousie
" 32, Amity.....Dunnville	" 295, Temple.....St. Catharines
" 35, St. John's.....Cayuga	" 319, Hiram.....Hagersville
" 103, Maple Leaf.....St. Catharines	" 320, King Solomon.....Jarvis
" 105, St. Mark's.....Drummondville	" 337, Myrtle.....Port Robinson
" 115, Ivy.....Beaconsfield	" 338, Dufferin.....Wellandport
" 122, Merritt.....Welland	" 372, Palmer.....Bridgeburg
" 123, Maanah.....Port Colborne	" 373, Copestone.....Welland
" 125, Runishillen.....York	" 471, King Edward VII Chippewa

D.D.G	
No.	16, St. Andrew's
"	23, Richmond.....
"	25, Ionic.....
"	75, St. John's.....
"	87, Markham Uni
"	97, Sharon.....
"	99, Tuscan.....
"	129, The Rising Su
"	136, Richardson
"	218, Stevenson
"	220, Zeredatha.....

D.D.G.M.—	
No.	30, Composite
"	39, Mount Zion
"	77, Faithful Breth
"	139, Lebanon
"	268, Verulam.....
"	270, Cedar
"	398, Victoria.....
"	406, The Spry.....F

PRINC	
D.D.G.M	
No.	11, Moira.....
"	17, St. John's.....
"	18, Prince Edward..
"	29, United.....
"	38, Trent
"	48, Madoc
"	50, Conseeon.....
"	69, Stirling.....
"	91, Colborne
"	123, The Belleville....

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D.D.G.M.—	
No.	3, The Anc't St. John'
"	9, Union.....
"	92, Cataraqui
"	109, Albion..... Hal
"	119, Maple Leaf
"	146, Prince of Wales...l
"	157, Simpson
"	201, Lead-

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OTTAWA DISTRICT, NO. 16. (19.)

D.D.G.M.—R. W. Bro. Wm. Northwood, Ottawa.

No. 52, Dalhousie.....	Ottawa	No. 309, Kvergreen.....	Lanark
" 53, Doric.....	Ottawa	" 321, Lodge of Fidelity.....	Ottawa
" 55, St. John's..	Carleton Place	" 354, Chaudiere.....	Ottawa
" 122, Renfrew.....	Renfrew	" 371, Prince of Wales.....	Ottawa
" 123, Pembroke.....	Pembroke	" 433, Bonneschere.....	Eganville
" 147, Mississippi.....	Almonte	" 439, Cobden.....	Cobden
" 148, Civil Service.....	Ottawa	" 445, Carleton.....	Carp
" 159, Goodwood.....	Richmond	" 476, Corinthian.....	North Gower
" 177, The Builders.....	Ottawa	U.D. Russell.....	Russell
" 196, Madawaska.....	Arnprior		

ALGOMA DISTRICT, NO. 17. (2.)

D.D.G.M.—R. W. Bro. C. J. Holland, Fort Frances.

No. 337, Shuniah.....	Port Arthur	No. 445, Lake of the Woods.....	Kenora
" 414, Paquonga.....	Kenora	" 446, Granite.....	Fort Frances
" 415, Fort William.....	Fort William	" 453, Royal.....	Fort William
" 417, Keewatin.....	Keewatin	" 461, Ionic.....	Rainy River

NIPISSING DISTRICT NO. 18. (10.)

D.D.G.M.—R. W. Bro. J. B. Way, Sault Ste. Marie.

No. 403, Mattawa.....	Mattawa	No. 447, Sturgeon Falls, Sturgeon Falls	
" 412, Keystone.....	Sault Ste. Marie	" 455, Doric.....	Little Current
" 420, Nipissing.....	North Bay	" 462, Temiscaming, New Liskeard	
" 427, Nickel.....	Sudbury	" 469, Algoma.....	Sault Ste. Marie
" 442, Dymont.....	Thessalon	" 472, Gore Bay.....	Gore Bay

MUSKOKA DISTRICT, NO. 19. (2.)

D.D.G.M. R. W. Bro. James Whitten, Bracebridge.

No. 352, Granite.....	Perry Sound	No. 423, Strong.....	Sundridge
" 360, Muskoka.....	Bracebridge	" 424, Algonquin.....	Emedale
" 376, Unity.....	Huntsville	" 443, Powassan.....	Powassan
" 406, Golden Rule.....	Gravenhurst	" 454, Corcoran.....	Burke's Falls

OTONABEE DISTRICT, NO. 20. (12.)

D.D.G.M. R. W. Bro. E. B. Bounsell, Bowmanville.

No. 25, Ontario.....	Port Hope	No. 222, Norwood.....	Norwood
" 31, Jerusalem.....	Bowmanville	" 219, Clementi.....	Lakefield
" 66, Durham.....	Newcastle	" 325, Orono.....	Orono
" 101, Corinthian.....	Peterborough	" 374, Keene.....	Keene
" 114, Hope.....	Port Hope	" 375, Lorne.....	Onesmee
" 145, J. B. Hall.....	Millbrook	" 436, Havelock.....	Havelock
" 155, Peterborough.....	Peterborough		

EASTERN DISTRICT, NO. 21. (15.)

D.D.G.M. R. W. Bro. S. S. Reveler, Winchester.

No. 21a, St. John's.....	Vankleek Hill	No. 323, Henderson.....	West Winchester
" 125, Cornwall.....	Cornwall	" 412, Marville.....	Marville
" 142, Excelsior.....	Morrisburg	" 429, Alexandria.....	Alexandria
" 143, Friendly Brothers.....	Iroquois	" 450, Hawkesbury.....	Hawkesbury
" 166, Plantagenet.....	Plantagenet	" 462, Avonmore.....	Avonmore
" 207, Lancaster.....	Lancaster	" 455, Wales.....	Wales
" 226, Farran's Point.....	Aurville	U.D. Williamsburg.....	N. W. Wmsburg
" 230, Chesterville.....	Chesterville		

RECAPITULATION.

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 Robt A Little. 65—Robt
 76—Alf Vincent, J W Prin
 son, W S Lawrence, J B
 Sinclair, A McKay, A McN
 erville, G M Franklin, L E
 A Halshaw. 100—Alex
 Taylor, C A Kalus, Wm S
 Routledge. 109—John Ca
 121—H J Beney, Chas Bra
 erson. 123—W W Boyce,
 J Johnson. 129—T G Holn
 E Ellis. 140—N Burgess.
 Beck. John Brunner, C H S
 146—Fred H O Stinson. 154
 J Madden, Wm Telfer, W
 Kyle. 159—Geo W Alexan
 Mylchriest, John Moote.
 Hugh Morrison, D F Johust
 C R Harvie, Wm L Gilles
 Swartman, G A Griffith,
 Smiley, L Blackwell. 209a—
 R J McConnell R W Dickie,
 Dennis. 218—Alex Auchin
 John A Nicholson, W R I
 Moore. 222—Robt Haughton
 A W Vars, E Davies, S F Tu
 E Rice. 226—Anson Storms
 Spray. 212—R P Hagerma
 Wm L Watt 234—Stephen
 Colville, Jno Mansfield, A J
 S E Melross, Wm Kilgour,
 Pratt, H Gerrv, A C Drum
 265—Andrew Miller. 267—E
 Geo McLeod, John McBeath,
 J N Hortop, H A Wetherell
 Armstrong, C A Steel. B She
 Nelson. 279—J J Caws. 296—
 Jas R Munshaw, Wm R Orr
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Jas Dickey, Geo H Pearl, Jas M Stewart, Jas Tinney. 388—S R Burns, Edward Taylor, L A Schooley. 389—Thos G Gibson. 390—A E Nelson, E S Logie, Andrew Brown. 391—John Stalder, J C Smith, Delia Mae. 392—M Sproule, S Rodgers, C F Campbell. 393—J W Wood, John Ray, A Bawers, Joe V Staples, W E Deator. 394—Geo W Benson, R T Copan, J P Ball, Thos Higgins, Geo W Price. 395—Geo Hamblin, R G Plan, J S Hogarth, H J Polith, J R McCombie. 396—F Sandford, D Smith. 397—Augustus Venie. 398—Robt J Palmer. 399—C A Brinkman. 400—Geo Congrove, J A Baskett, A R Farncombe, S D Edgar. 401—Thos Babbitt, Wm Weston, H Carruthers, Harvey Nelson, Chas Misera. 402—W H Howey, W R Boucher, J D Cockburn, A J Tait, Wm Wilkinson, J Holdrich. 403—Wm A Linn, J A Trellope.

SUSPENSIONS, U. M. C., 1905-6.

No. 22—Robt Brebner. 120—Eas H Taylor. 127—W A Black. 177—S B Whitcomb. 178—Joan Dibrow. 221—David Matheson. 220—John Reed. 222—Frank T Thompson.

EXPULSIONS, 1905-6.

No. 127—W A Black. 315—Lachlan T Lochhead.

DEATHS, 1905-6.

No. 6—Andrew Putman, 2nd August, '05. 8—John Medie, 27th September, '05. C F Gildersleeve, 16th January, '06. Geo M Kinghorn, 25th January, '06; R T Waltem, 23rd March, '06. 9—Launceston de Carlo, 25th July, '06; Hy Bramley, 23rd October, '05. D Booth, 24th March, '06. W H Weir, 14th June, '06; W Wells, 22nd June, '06. 10—J F McClure, 20th June, '06; Jas Adam, 2nd November, '05. S G Moore, 1st February, '06. F W Fearman, 1st March, '06; H C Birge, 19th March, 1906. D McMillan, 21st March, 1906. 7—William Davidson, 24th March, 1906. S M Culp, January, 1906. 9—H L Cook, 16th December, 1905. 10—John M Selley 13th May, 1906. Thomas W Butler, 17th March, 1906. 11—John York, 20th July, 1906. 12—H H Roberts, 20th June, '06. 13—John M Wallace, 21st July '06. 14—Thomas Hildout, 3rd July, '06. Wm G Phillopa, 20th October, '05. E H Smith, 1st October, '05. J H McFaul, 23rd December, '05. 18—Wm M Burlingham, 1st July, '06. W T Shaw 24th May, '06. 20—W J Barnes, 10th October, '05. C McKee, 25th October, '05. John Smith, 19th May, '06. W R Grandall, 19th June, '06. 22—Pat Langton, Frank Malle, 1st December, '05. Geo R Ball, 20th January, '06. 23—Robt S Law, 14th May, '06. 24—Geo Pack, 13th August, '05. Jas Mumby, 24th December, '05. Jas W Orate, 22nd April, '06. 25—R W Barker, 6th August, '05. Villiers Sankey, 10th July, '05. A J Robertson, 14th April, '06. 26—J C Dickinson, 2nd March, '06. 27—S Atkin, 20th October '05. John Campbell, 21st October, '05. L Edworthy, 21st October, '05. Robt George, 2nd October, '05. R J Long, 19th October, '05. W G Stark, 19th December '05; Andrew Cowan, 10th May, '06. Geo E Hamilton, 25th February, '06. A Hales, 24th April, '06. Aaron Carr, 2nd April, '06. Thos Irwin, 24th June '06. 28—J P Keeler 24th November, '05. 31—Wm Wright, 14th July, '06. Jas Gillies, 15th November, '05. 32—A A Robbins, 19th May, '06. 33—Geo Ford, 27th September, '05. Wm Green, 3rd January '06. J H Craigie, 24th February, '06. 34—Geo Geth, 20th August, '05. 37—Colville Walker, 20th March, '06. Jas McIntyre, 20th March, '06. 40—John Stewart, 20th March, '06. 43—F J Hood, 24th November, '05. Geo Sheeks, 19th July, '05. Chas A Cole, 13th November, '05; Jas Carline, 24th June '06. 45—J J Fyle, 20th March, '06. 47—M G Macdonald, 16th December, '05. Jas Dyer, 20th June, '05. John Bowden, 9th July, '05; A W Joyce, 22nd February '06. Rich Lambert, 14th April, '06. 48—Peter Van-bleek, 9th October, '05. J B Church, 1st May, '06. 50—Robt S Jones, 27th March, '06. 52—Jas O Spencer, 20th January, '06. 55—Chas Scrim, 24th November, '06. 61—J G Laven, 22nd July, '05. G H Harvey, 2nd December, '05. Thos Tribets, 1st April, '06. F A Crowther, 24th June, '06. 66—Norris Humphrey, 17th April, '06. 68—Jas Winthrop, 24th September, '05. A Nichol, 10th November, '05. Jas Miller, 19th April, '06. 69—John Overall, 22nd September, '05. A M Sutherland, 23rd March, '06. A W Burwell, 10th January, '06. C A Sippl, 10th May, '06. J B Minihall, 14th February, '06. 65—Geo C Patterson, 2nd July, '06. Edw Pridam 7th January, '06. Joe B Johnston, 21st January '06. 69—Arthur Curtis, 24th March, '06. 73—Ed W Harding, 27th October, '05. 74—Eigia Row, 7th January, '06. 75—Samuel Atkin, 18th September, '05. 76—W J Pennell, 17th November, '05. W B Wilkinson, 16th March, '06. 77—John W Bradshaw, 14th May, '06. G o Lyte, 9th June, '06. 79—Benj Bernard, 10th April, '06. J M Campbell, 24th May, '06. Geo C Graham, 20th May, '06. 84—Arthur Connah, 22nd December, '05. 85—Geo C Patterson, 2nd July, '06; J G Gibson, 24th December, '05; S Meadows, 19th February, '06; C F Yorks, 24th

April, 1906; William Hankamer, 18th April, 1906; R H C Crean, 20th June, 1906. 88—Peter Gillies, 31st May, 1906. 90—Hiram Davis, 8th March, 1906. 91—Harvey Fowler, 4th December, 1905. 91—William McNamee, 22nd August, 1905; William Parsons, 20th November, 1905. 93—Thomas Jennings, 22nd November, 1905; John Sillery, 19th March, 1906. 96—John Ormsay, 13th April, 1906. 97—A T Doan, 27th January, 1906. 99—J H Widdifield, 3rd June, '06. 100—John Bertram, 5th April, '06; Wm Holloway, 8th April, '06. 103—John Doran, 2nd September, '06; R W Lawrie, 11th June, '06. 105—E Fisher, 26th July, '05. 109—Jas Cooke, 12th April, '06. 110—Peter Irving, 22 November, '05. 113—W I Cunningham, 20th March, '06. 114—Thos Spry, 12th October, '05; Geo Wilson, 8th August, '05. 115—Francis Newton, 30th March, '06. 119—W H Patterson, 20th October, '05. 121—Milton Baker, 23rd January, '06; Thos Bamford, 4th February, '06; S R Icke, 25th April, '06; Jas W Digby, 29th May, '06. 122—Geo W McDonald, 16th November, '06; E G Cooper, 19th February, '06. 123—Rodger D Conger, 3rd December, '05. 125—A S Warwick, 28th April, '06. 126—Hy Bakes, 16th March, '06. 128—Neil McK Campbell, 3rd February, '06; R M Murdock, 24th May, '06. 129—Geo Russell, 5th May, '06. 131—Jas Trimble, 10th December, '05. 133—Geo Samwell, 26th January, '06. 136—J D Forsyth, 10th January, '06. 137—A C McInnis, 17th December, '05. 139—L A Taylor, 24th December, '05. 140—L J Glover, 27th August, '05; Wm B Purdy, 19th February, '06. 144—John C Hill, 13th September, '05; John T Perry, 15th June, '06. 145—Geo Campbell, 29th October, '05. 146—Harvey Martin, 20th April, '06; R B Hope, 24th May, '06. 148—Jos Tomlinson, 10th June, '05. 149—Wm Caley, 19th September, '05; Ed Norquay, 20th September, '06. 155—A O McCallum, 23rd September, '05; Jas Byrne, 20th December, '05; Wm Thompson, 10th January, '06. 156—Wm Radford, 20th October, '05; John Q Braund, 2nd June, '05. 159—F J Davidson, 25th July, '06; John A Richardson, 30th March, '06. 161—Geo Gerrow, 13th January, '06. 165—Samuel Thomas, 2nd November, '05. 168—I P Wilson, 30th November, '06; W G Diffin, 4th February, '06. 169—Chas S Carter, 24th March, '06. 172—Chas McKay, 3rd March, '06. 177—C S Taggart, 7th April, '06. 178—N Lorimer, 2nd May, '06. 180—A Summers, 20th March, '06; Thos Steel, 30th March, '06; S B Hinckley, 8th June, '06. 190—John Boyd, 26th October, '05. 194—G S Crosbie, 17th August, '06. 197—Jas T Nichols, 26th January, '06. 201—Wm Bullock, 3rd September, '05; Robt Byers, 27th October, '05. 203—John B. Jones, 9th August, '06; Thos P Smith, 25th October, '05. 206—A Steckle, 19th January '06. W H Kalbfleish, 11th October, '05. 209a—Wm Hawthorne, 7th December, '05; Thos Orr, 6th March, '06; R J Blackwell, 19th March, '06; Jas W Martin, 7th April, '06. 209—Wm C Caldwell, 7th January, '05; Wm Gardner, 26th January, '06. 216—John McLaren, 18th February, '06. 217—Geo M Kilty, 20th May, '06. 218—C O Rockwood, 10th October, '05; Chas H Laister, 16th January, '06. 219—Geo S Goodwillie, 26th September, '06; Samuel Beaumont, 21st March, '06. 220—D M Card, 8th July, '05. 221—Benj H Lemon, 23th November, '05; David Matthewson, 26th July, 1905; William J Mitchell, 20th April, 1906. 222—Albert Inkster, 7th December, 1905. 223—Thomas Howson, 16th March, 1906; George McMillan, 27th April, 1906. 225—A B Scott, 2nd September, 1906; C L Francis, 7th September, 1904; Thomas Fullarton, 10th January, 1906; Adam Hess, 24th January, 1906. 229—John C Brown, 28th December, 1905; Henry Burnett, 28th December, 1905. 230—J McL Stevenson, 4th June, 1906. 233—John Ironside, 21st January, 1904; Alex C Reid, 7th May, '06. 238—William Arnold, 30th April, '06. 242—Josh Stewart, 20th December, '05; Jas Ferguson, 27th March, '06. 243—D Y Ross, 21st December, '05. 245—John Cudmore, 15th October, '05. 247—Victor Lee, 18th August, '05; W N Crone, 27th December, '05; J B O Fulton, 16th February, '06. 253—Robt W Barker, 12th August, '05; J B McKay, 4th May, '06; Jas Adams, 1st June, '06. 254—James Tattersall, 27th March, 1906. 256—C F Forbes, 26th March, 1906. 257—William A Cross, 8th March, 1906. 259—R Johnson, 27th June, 1905; Milton Baker, 23rd January, 1906. 260—George McKenzie, 22nd March, 1906. 263—Francis Kent, 11th February, 1906; James Clark, 23rd December, 1905. 264—W A Bangs, 1st August, 1905; A A Henderson, 3rd May, 1906; R O Dowar, 26th May, 1906. 269—John H Pritchard, 270—William H Warner, 18th August, 1905. 272—R G Templar, 9th January, 1906. 274—Robt Cumming, 27th May, '05. 276—Geo Colvin, 18th January, '06. 282—W L Hagerty, 30th September, '05; D A McRae, 11th February, '06. 285—H Mc Wright, 9th March, '06; Jas Funston, 1st April, '06. 286—W Corbould, 25th June, '05. 287—Edwin Emmons, 10th December, '05; R J Craig, 2nd February, '06. 289—Alex M Arthur, 14th May, '06. 291—John Simon, 30th November, '05; Thos Head, 1st April, '06. 296—E J Odium; Henry Jarvis, 22nd December, '05. 297—R H Winter, 26th November, '05; Duncan McIntosh, 17th February, '06. 302—Thos Pinfold, 16th September, '05; John McPhail, 31st December, '05. 303—John Wallace, 12th February, '06. 309—John Mitchell, 11th September, '05; Jesse Grummett, 20th May, '06. 312—A D Fulmer, 11th August, '05; F McLennan, 7th March, '06. 314—Alex Hobson, 22nd December, '05; Freeborn Kee, 5th June, '06. 320—Wm Kennedy, 10th December, '05. 324—F Fitzgerald, 30th June, '06; Hugh Shaw, 24th December, '05. 325—John Carveth, 19th June,

'05. 285—Geo C Patterson, 2nd July. '05. Jas Wilson, 20th September. '05. 287—Thos A Milligan, 25th September. '05. 288—Harrison Thompson, 11th August. '05. 289—Wm Farmer 25th March '05. 291—Jas Foster 14th May '05. 292—Robt Yalm, 2nd June. '05. 293—Hob A Pars, 295—W H Stinson, 19th April '05. 297—A B coast, 1th August. '05. John O'Brien 17th November, '05. W H Bell 1st July '05. W J Abbey 14th March. '05. 298—Peter Sweta, 20th April '05. 299—W H Michand 11th October. '05. Thos Boyce 8th November. '05. Thos Wiggins 17th June. '05. 303—Jas Crane 25th March '05. Hy F Sharpe 25th April. '05. S A Dunkin 31st May. '05. A A McMichael, 1st June. '05. 305—Francis Barrowe 25th December. '05. 307—Jas Dean, 2nd August. '05. 309—Arthur Clark 2nd April. '05. 310—John Houston 24th July. '05. 318—Jas Bradt 25th January. '05. 319—Albert Wood, 9th September. '05. 321—Arch Little, 15th August. '05. Jas D Sturges 17th November. '05. 322—Jas W Harper 16th September. '05. Jas Wilson 20th September. '05. J J Thompson, 19th January. '05. 323—A Frank 1st 11th September. '05. 329—W B Hunt 9th February. '05. 370—John McKenzie 2nd December. '05. Fred Spain 25th December. '05. A H McDonald 2nd February. '05. S S Isaac P Wilson 20th November. '05. W J McLooper 1st April. '05. 375—Geo H Phillips, 2nd May. '05. 381—W W Fitzgerald 21st June. '05. John Boyd 25th September. '05. H W High, 6th February. '05. W B Clark 22nd July. '05. E O Gray 2nd December. '05. Ed Bates, 2nd February. '05. Fred Walter 2nd March. '05. 383—J J Empey, 5th December. '05. 394—Geo L McIsaac, 6th June. '05. Samuel Levy 39—John Dook 10th February. '05. Geo Middlemich 20th January. '05. Ederton Porter 16th March. '05. 399—John Brown 6th November. '05. 393—Wm Kyle, 7th April. '05. 394—Hy Storick 2nd December. '05. 395—Thos P Williamson 2th May. '05. 400—Neil J McIntyre 20th November. '05. 401—S O Brooke 13th October. '05. 405—R B Gilbertson June. '05. 406—H T Taplin 25th March. '05. 410—Robt Crane 25th July. '05. John Mason 19th September. '05. Wm Walker 2nd February. '05. 415—Geo Burdett 25th July. '05. 417—Harry Horton, 1st November. '05. Wm H Clark 10th July. '05. 418—A Huntington 2nd August. '05. 419—J M Stover 5th February. '05. 426—John Coleto, 31st October. '05. W Hinde 13th June. '05. 430—Geo L Flotton, 14th January. '05. 435—Aas Anderson 21st November. '05. 437—Thos O Johnson 4th July. '05. 422—Geo C Patterson 2nd July. '05. S Hammerman 6th October. '05. Thos R Muir 25th October. '05. R Fair 25th March. '05. F M Horne 2nd January. '05. Wm Walker 2nd February. '05. 443—Jas Deenan 10th July. '05. 445—Jesse Eldridge 25th Mar. '05. 444—Geo R Dean, 5th January. '05. 451—A H Clark 16th January. '05. 454—R H Lemon 6th June. '05. 459—Robt Allen 17th January. '05. 466—Wm Edgar, 19th April. '05. 469—Adolphe Thompson. 479—S J Allen, 20th October. '05. 473—Frank Walla, 1st December. '05. J J Thompson, 19th January. '05. 476—Wm Hinde, 14th June. '05.

RESTORATIONS, 1905-6.

No. 9—John Rossan. 6—Francis Osborn. 11—P O Lewis, Harris Conger, D J Fairfield, D Thompson. W J Thomson, Walter S Easter. Wm Robuster. 15—Francis Connor. Wm S Rawlings. Chas W Stewart. 20—Wm R Blount. 22—Geo Garner. Wm Worfold. 23—Robt Black. 25—W H Watson. 26—O D'Arcy O'Brien. 28—Geo A McMichael. O Hosh. 31—P F McArthur. 32—J G Cook. 37—W Henderson. E D Lewis. 43—Geo Liting. Robt Kerr. Geo H Crocker. 44—Geo W Countryman. 49—W L Wagner. Jas B Douglas. 50—Hugh S Ferguson. 54—W H Lawrie. 51—Chris R Origan. E A Rosenstadi. 64—Geo W Humphreys. Fred L Wood. J S Neabitt. 65—Josh Gibson. Hy Golding. 66—Geo H Wilson. 76—Chas A Johnson. John W Pringle. A McKean. 77—W H Walsh. Dudson Bay. 83—Donald McLothan. Jas Black. 84—has Overbury. 85—A H Wilson. M Holliday. 88—A J Morrison. J B Carter. O H B. Bickes. Jas McW Hunter. 89—W P Houston. 91—Geo Lawrence. 93—A McDonald. S McKenzie. J C McConna. H H Treleway. 94—Wm Veiland. 97—John Warriner. Jas L McFarland. W B Ramsey. 98—Thos Castor. Wm Haines. Chris H Cole. 103—Alex Howell. 104—Wm Walker. Geo S Gavin. 107—Albert Scott. Wm Shere. 114—John Tree. Thos Sawney. 115—J J Comfort. H J Bowler. 121—M C Webster. B C Wheeler. 123—Robt A Choquette. 124—Adam McKay. John Lynch. 125—Jas Mont. 126—Jas Hand. 142—John A Carter. 143—E V Dodge. 144—Geo Wellanfer. 145—Wm Parnell. 146—John Ogilvy. Geo R Kennedy. 155—B J Butler. 159—Geo Beaman. F W Johnston. 161—C S McKenzie. E Stone. 164—Geo E Minnie. 167—Andrew Pouet. 168—Geo A Sidas. Hugh Morrison. 169—Arthur McQ Johnston. 190—Edward Corpeus. 193—John R Smith. 194—F I Goring. John Holmes. 195—Peter J Watt. 196—J H Hurst. 201—Wm J Thacker. 202—J W Martin. 203—Ias Stewart. 214—David Kennedy. 215—Fred Howe. F Roebach. Jas McA Currie. J A M Ferguson. W W Burdett. 223—Geo Thompson. W H Minnie. 224—John Pann. John L Harris. Book P Morley. 225—Major Woolridge. John A Harper. 226—Anson Sturges. 229—S W Taylor. 231—T J Ruman. W Bird. 232—N D Campbell. 243—John Mullen. 247—Aubrey Bond.

Macdonald, W H Gm
Smith. 409—Inger
Wm J Smith, John
R J Robertson. 42
Francis H Pope. 45
431—Wm H Young.

In Memoriam

Most Worshipful Brother

RICHARD T. WALKEM

Past Grand Master, a member of Ancient St. John's Lodge,
No. 3, Kingston.

Died 23rd March, 1906.

Right Worshipful Brother

JOHN BOYD

Past District Deputy Grand Master of London District,
No. 3, a member of Belmont Lodge, No. 190,
Belmont.

Died 1906.

Right Worshipful Brother

R. W. BARKER

Past Grand Senior Warden, a member of Ionic Lodge,
No. 25, Toronto.

Died 6th August, 1905.

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In Memoriam

Right Worshipful Brother

J. J. THOMPSON

Past District Deputy Grand Master of Toronto East District, No. 11a, a member of St. Georges Lodge, No. 367, Toronto.

Died 19th January, 1906.

Right Worshipful Brother

JOHN McLAREN

Past District Deputy Grand Master of Wellington District, No. 7, a member of Harris Lodge, No. 216, Orangeville.

Died 18th February, 1906.

Right Worshipful Brother

FREDERICK WALTER

Past District Deputy Grand Master of Hamilton District, No. 8, a member of Dorio Lodge, No. 382, Hamilton.

Died 2nd March, 1906.

In Memoriam

Right Worshipful Brother ,

C. F. FORBES

Past District Deputy Grand Master of Old St. Lawrence
District, a member of Farran's Point Lodge, No.
256, Aultsville.

Died 25th March, 1906.

Right Worshipful Brother

J. H. WIDDIFIELD

Past District Deputy Grand Master of Toronto East Dis-
trict, No. 11a, a member of Tuscan Lodge,
No. 99, Newmarket.

Died 5th June, 1906.

Right Worshipful Brother

DUNCAN A. MACDONELL

Past District Deputy Grand Master of Old St. Lawrence
District, a member of Friendly Brothers Lodge,
No. 143, Iroquois.

Died 1906.

In Memoriam

Very Worshipful Brother

JAMES WILSON

**Past Grand Senior Deacon, a member of Zetland Lodge,
No. 326, Toronto.**

Died 30th September, 1905.

Very Worshipful Brother

E. W. HARDING

**Past Grand Senior Deacon, a member of St. James' Lodge,
No. 73, St. Marys.**

Died 27th October, 1905.

Very Worshipful Brother

W. SPENCE

A member of Fidelity Lodge, No. 428, Port Perry.

Died 1906.

Past Grand

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Past Grand

A. A.

In Memoriam

Very Worshipful Brother

CHAS. A. SIPPI

Past Grand Organist, a member of Kilwinning Lodge,
No. 69, London.

Died 16th May, 1906.

Very Worshipful Brother

JAMES ADAMS

A member of Minden Lodge, No. 263, Kingston.

Died 1st June, 1906.

Very Worshipful Brother

RICHARD JOHNSTONE

Past Grand Steward, a member of Blair Lodge, No. 314,
Palmerston.

Died 2nd June, 1906.

Very Worshipful Brother

J. McL. STEVENSON

Past Grand Junior Deacon, a member of Kerr Lodge,
No. 230, Barrie.

Died 4th June, 1906.

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R. W. Bro. Henry Bush ..	Wisconsin ..	M. W. Bro. Hiram W. Sawyer ..	H. B. Howard ..
	Wyoming ..		Point Pleasant ..
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M. W. Bro. A. A. Stevenson ..	Brazil ..	Bro. Richard Mitchell ..	Charles Marchal
	Central America ..	Bro. L. Monbar ..	Antonio Pinto Mendes, St Ana
V. W. Bro. A. L. Malone ..	Chill. ..	Bro. S. W. Hendrie ..	de Lauridia, Rio de Janeiro
	Costa Rica ..		Edward Polster, (asst) Casilla,
	The Island of Cuba ..	José L. Vidaurrute ..	San Francisco ..
R. W. Bro. Geo. Tait ..	Greece ..	Bro. Etienne Ferrale ..	San Jose de Oropesa Rica, C Am
R. W. Bro. W. G. Eakins, M. A., Toronto	Hungary ..	Bro. Louis Goud ..	Aurelio Miranda ..
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R. W. Bro. H. Radcliffe ..	Mexico ..	Bro. J. M. Bander Augiano ..	Athens ..
W. J. Drope ..	The Netherlands ..	Bro. Eduardo Lavergue ..	Dr Alex. Fraenkel, Budapest
R. W. Bro. A. B. Cooper ..	New Grenada ..	Bro. José C. D'Almeida ..	A. O'Leary... Castellase-Rome
	Porto Rico ..		J. Leebree Moens, Rotterdam
	Portugal ..	Bro. Charles Gerster ..	Manuel J. Coomes ..
	St. Domingo ..		Frederico Yumet... Lima
	Switzerland ..		Jose Victorine Damada Ribeiro
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APPENDIX TO PROCEEDINGS OF 1906

REPORT ON CORRESPONDENCE

HENRY ROBERTSON, Chairman.

To the Most Worshipful the Grand Master and the Grand Lodge of Canada :

Your Committee on Correspondence beg leave to present their Annual Report.

They have carefully examined all the Proceedings of other Grand Lodges which have been received and have made such extracts therefrom as, in the judgment of your Committee, contain the most interesting and instructive matters arising in the different jurisdictions.

The Grand Lodges are taken in alphabetical order, and a list of those reviewed will be found at the close of the report.

ALABAMA.

85th Communication, Montgomery, December 5, 1905.
Henry H. Matthews, G. M.

Eleven new lodges were opened, one reorganized and two consolidated.

The applications for recognition from Queensland and Valle de Mexico were deferred and those of Cosmos (Mexico) and Brazil were declined.

A committee was appointed to further the establishment of a Masonic Home.

The following was adopted :

Be it resolved, That this Grand Lodge insist that the Subordinate Lodges be careful to apply wholesome discipline as to the use of intoxicating liquors, and thus discourage all drunkenness.

Bro. William Y. Titcomb reports on Correspondence and reviews Canada for 1904.

Lodges, 431 ; members, 16,667 ; increase, 1,274.

Henry H. Matthews (Montgomery), G. M.

George A. Beauchamp (Montgomery), G. S.

ALBERTA.

We cordially welcome this the latest addition to the family of Grand Lodges.

The Grand Lodge of Alberta was organized at Calgary on the 12th day of October, 1905, by all the lodges in the Province, and with the consent of the Grand Lodge of Manitoba, from which all the lodges derived their charters.

There are 18 lodges with a membership of about 1,200.

George Macdonald (Calgary), G. M.

J. J. Dunlop (Edmonton), G. S.

ARIZONA.

24th Communication, Flagstaff, November 14, 1905.

Edwin S. Miller, D. G. M., presiding, in the absence, through illness, of the Grand Master, Bro. George Shand.

The proceedings were brief and call for no special comment.

A new regulation was passed allowing life membership under certain restrictions. If the dues are \$12.00 the payment must not be less than \$150.00, and in the same proportion where the dues are greater or less. The whole payment must be invested and only the income used.

Lodges, 19; members, 1292; increase, 101.

Edwin S. Miller (Flagstaff), G. M.

George J. Roskrige (Tucson), G. S.

BRITISH COLUMBIA.

34th Communication, New Westminster, June 22, 1905.

William J. Bowser, G. M.

The Grand Master reports the Craft in a splendid condition. New lodges were opened at Atlin, Enderby and Kelowna. Bro. Bowser visited all the lodges except Cariboo, No. 4, at Barkerville, and in order to visit that lodge he would have to travel 4,400 miles, so he might well be excused. This record is probably unequalled, and Bro. Bowser deserves great credit for his energy and zeal.

The business transacted was chiefly local in interest.

Our Pacific province is to be congratulated in the possession of a foreign correspondent of undoubted ability, whose reports are rapidly increasing the reputation of his Grand Lodge. Bro. W. A. DeWolf Smith is also the Grand Lodge Historian and Librarian. We quote as follows:

There is no evidence anywhere to show that at the time of the formation of the Grand Lodge of England in 1717 there was any Masonry anywhere outside of the British Isles, which either then, or shortly afterwards, joined in the establishment of the Grand Lodge system. When established in France Masonry soon adopted the Grand Lodge system, although shortly after its introduction there the "dissent" from the original plan occurred by the formation of new degrees known as Scots Degrees, which developed into the Rite of Perfection and finally into the Scottish Rite. We do not understand that Bro. Robbins ever denied the right of a sufficient number of Masonic Lodges in Costa Rica or elsewhere—to form a Grand Lodge when they thought best. His contention is, as we understand him, that persons receiving the first three degrees in Lodges of the Scottish Rite are not Masons at all, and that, in consequence, their Lodges and Grand Lodges are not entitled to the recognition of those descended from the original stock. * * * We believe Bro. McDonald is right in saying that there is no York Rite, but not for the reason he gives. Dunkerly and Dermott could hardly have "dismembered" the Rite in 1730, when the Grand Lodge of York was working actively until at least the year 1734, and probably for some years later, when it became dormant for some years and was revived in 1761, continuing in existence until nearly the close of the 18th century. There is no York Rite in this country, because all the Lodges warranted by the Grand Lodge of All England, at York, died before the death of their parent Grand Lodge.

Lodges, 39; members, 2,859; increase, 260.

Thomas J. Armstrong (New Westminster), G. M.

Robert E. Brett (Victoria), G. S.

CALIFORNIA.

56th Communication, San Francisco, October 10, 1905.

George W. Hunter. G. M.

The Grand Master reports eight new lodges. He also says:

This has been a year of material growth; cornerstones have been laid, several temples are now in course of construction, some have been dedicated and others are being planned. Generally speaking, the financial condition of the Lodges is all that could be desired.

On church going parades Bro. Hunter takes the correct stand:

While Masonry is not a religious institution and should not mix up with religious matters, or favor any creed or sect, yet if the members of a Lodge or any considerable number of them, see fit to assemble in the hall, and walk together to church, and attend service there in a body on Easter Sunday, I do not see that any harm to Masonry can come from it, and

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existing Grand Lodge, and therefore territory within which any Grand Lodge may charter subordinate lodges.

It is elementary Masonic law that a Grand Lodge has not only an exclusive territorial jurisdiction over the State or country within which it may exist, but also jurisdiction to constitute and maintain Lodges in any State or country not included in the territory of any other Grand Lodge.

We ourselves recognized and enforced this right more than fifty years ago by chartering "Hawaiian" Lodge, No. 21, in the Hawaiian Islands, then foreign territory, and more recently, but prior to the acquisition of that territory by the United States, by chartering "Kilauea" Lodge, No. 330, in the same territory, and have maintained said Lodges ever since they were so chartered.

Our Constitution to-day provides that the executive powers of this Grand Lodge include the granting of dispensations and charters to establish and perpetuate Lodges within this State "and in other territory where no Grand Lodge exists." (Sec. 3, Art. III, Part I.)

In so providing, we but assert a right always recognized to exist in any Grand Lodge. It is only when a Grand Lodge attempts to establish a Lodge within the territorial jurisdiction of another Grand Lodge, that the establishment of such Lodge constitutes an invasion of the jurisdiction of any Grand Lodge.

It is not claimed that the Hawaiian Islands were not open Masonic territory up to the time of the transfer thereof to the United States of America. The only question then is as to whether that transfer brought them within the territorial jurisdiction of any Grand Lodge. It is plain that it did not. We have no Grand Lodge of the United States of America—no body exercising Masonic control over all territory of the United States. Each State and each Territory, with the exception of one or two, has its own Grand Lodge, exercising supreme control and having exclusive territorial jurisdiction within the limits of said State or Territory. The Hawaiian Islands are not within the territorial jurisdiction of any Grand Lodge of any of our States or Territories, and no such Grand Lodge claims exclusive territorial jurisdiction over them. How, then, can it be contended that the establishment of a Lodge therein by any foreign Grand Lodge is an invasion of the jurisdiction of any American Grand Lodge.

It is suggested that such an act would be an invasion of the jurisdiction of each of the American Grand Lodges, which alone should have power to charter Lodges on American soil. We have not been able to ascertain that such a doctrine has ever been asserted by any American Grand Lodge, and so long as we maintain our system of separate and independent State and Territorial Grand Lodges, such a doctrine would not appear to be in consonance with well established Masonic principles. Our American Grand Lodges have no collective territorial jurisdiction.

The regulation adopted by the Grand Lodge in 1851, referred to by the Grand Master, had reference solely to an invasion of the territorial jurisdiction of the Grand Lodge of New

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no further Masonic Lodges be hereafter established in the territory of Hawaii under authority of any foreign jurisdiction, has received our consideration.

In view of what we have said in our report upon the general subject, just adopted by the Grand Lodge, it is apparent that there is no way in which we can properly act in the direction desired.

The charter fee was remitted for a lodge of Veterans at the National Military Home.

The resolution of 1904, abolishing the appointment of Grand Representatives, was declared illegal, as being a withdrawal of power from the Grand Master, which could only be effected by an amendment to the Constitution properly adopted.

Life membership in lodges was authorized under particular restrictions, one of which is that where the dues are \$12 per year the life membership fee must not be less than \$200, and other cases in like proportion. The fees must also be kept intact as a permanent Life Membership Fund, invested in certain specified securities, and only the income to be used by the lodge.

Bro. William A. Davies furnishes an excellent review of the proceedings of other grand bodies, Canada for 1904 being included.

Lodges, 299; members, 31,561; increase, 2,151.

Motley H. Flint (Los Angeles), G. M.

George Johnson (San Francisco), G. S.

COLORADO.

45th Communication, Denver, September 19, 1905.

Benjamin L. James, G. M.

The Grand Master visited many of the lodges and found them, in every instance, "imbued with an enthusiasm and a spirit that is bound to bring great results."

The Grand Lecturer reports the lodges as working with great uniformity and conforming to the standard work adopted by Grand Lodge.

A proposed amendment, making all Past Masters permanent members of Grand Lodge, was not adopted.

A proposal to inaugurate a Collegium of Grand Lecturers, for the purpose of securing uniformity of work, was endorsed and ordered to be sent to all Grand Lodges in the United States. It provides that when five Grand Lodges agree, the first meeting shall be held.

The Monitor, prepared and published by Bro. Ernest

LeNeve Foster, was adopted as the official Monitor of the jurisdiction.

In his review of Arkansas Bro. Lawrence N. Greenleaf has the following:

Liquor legislation has reached an extreme when a Mason cannot cultivate a vineyard and sell the product thereof. One of the very remedies advocated by those who have made a careful study of the liquor evil, is a return to first principles and the more general cultivation of the grape and the production of pure wine, in the hope that it would in time supersede the use of whiskey and the villainous decoctions and compounds which craze the brain, incite to crime and fill the prisons and asylums of our land. The cultivation of vineyards and the production of wine may be traced to remote antiquity, and it has ever been deemed an honorable occupation. In our Masonic ceremonies we refer to "the wine of refreshment," and attach to it a symbolic significance. It is also one of the wages of a Fellowcraft. It is used in many of the concordant orders and branches of Masonry in consecrations and sacraments. According to the interpretation of the committee who disapproved the above decision, the brother who plants a vineyard and sells its wine product for any purpose is a violator of Masonic law. The prohibitive pendulum has certainly swung to the extreme limit of its arc. Temperance is one of the cardinal virtues of Masonry, but it is not restrictive in its application to any one vice, being a due restraint upon all our passions, prejudices and appetites.

In brief, "Temperance in all things," is what it inculcates in its lessons and teachings.

Canada for 1904 has a good notice.

Lodges, 107; members, 10,997; increase, 432.

Charles F. Painter (Telluride), G. M.

Charles H. Jacobson (Denver), G. S.

CONNECTICUT.

118th Communication, Hartford, January 17, 1906.

Asa P. Fitch, G. M.

The year past has been an eventful one with nearly every lodge, and prosperity, peace and harmony prevail all over the State.

The Grand Master was greatly impressed with the amount of good that is being accomplished at their Masonic Home at Wallingford.

There are no clandestine lodges in the State except those composed of negroes.

The death is announced of Bro. Luke A. Lockwood, the

author of Lockwood's Masonic Law and Practice. He was Grand Master in 1872.

The following resolutions were adopted:

Resolved, That there be required to be paid to the Grand Lodge from each Lodge in the jurisdiction the sum of one dollar for each member upon its roll of membership.

Resolved, That in estimating their membership all members may be deducted who have been in good standing thirty years.

Resolved, That twenty-five per cent. of the amount received be appropriated for defraying the expenses of the Grand Lodge and seventy-five per cent. be appropriated for the purposes of the Masonic Charity Foundation of Connecticut.

Five custodians of the work were appointed. Their decisions are to be final, subject to an appeal to Grand Lodge. This Grand Lodge has always been opposed to cipher ritual.

The Grand Secretary reports on Correspondence and reviews Canada for 1905.

Lodges, 110; members, 20,087; increase, 687.

Benjamin F. Turner (Middletown), G. M.

John H. Barlow (Hartford), G. S.

COSTA RICA.

At a quarterly meeting held on August 26, 1904, the Committee on Foreign Relations made the following report, which was adopted:

1. The Republic of Guatemala is an independent political territory hitherto unoccupied by a Grand Lodge.

2. The Grand Lodge appears to have been founded in accordance with Masonic precedent and by four Craft Lodges derived from the Sup. Coun. of C. A.

3. The Grand Lodge of Guatemala recognizes the Ancient Landmarks, and a study of its Constitution and Code, which are identical with those of the Grand Lodge of Cuba, fails to reveal anything inconsistent with the Ancient Landmarks.

Your committee therefore respectfully submits the following resolutions:

(a) That the Grand Lodge of Costa Rica extend recognition to the Grand Lodge of Guatemala as the sole independent and sovereign ruler over Craft Masonry in that Republic.

(b) That official relations be established between these two Grand Lodges.

(c) That the Grand Master be hereby authorized to effect the corresponding exchange of Representatives.

A proposed new Constitution was read, accepted for discussion and referred to the lodges.

November 25, 1904. The new Constitution was adopted.

The Annual Communication was held at San Jose, January 27, 1905.

Gustavo Pradilla H., G. M.

The following extracts from the address of the Grand Master will give a good idea of their doings:

Our relations with other Masonic powers have been maintained in a most friendly and satisfactory manner.

The Supreme Council of Central America, with which for some time we have been unfortunately in strained relations, has once more resumed official intercourse with us; and I trust that the lapse of time will but serve to further cement our fraternal bonds; no better proof of the good wishes and cordiality of that body could have been shown than their happy choice of our esteemed Bro. Tomas Povedano as their representative at this Grand Lodge—a brother so distinguished for his tact and true Masonic spirit. * * *

The Grand Lodge of Costa Rica continues to add to the number of recognitions received from other Masonic powers; during the year the Grand Lodges of Arizona, South Dakota, New South Wales, New Zealand, Porto Rico, Quebec, South Australia, Victoria, Idaho, Missouri and Ohio have established official relations with us, thus bringing the total number of recognitions to fifty-five. * * *

In the month of April I received a telegram from a Lodge in Nicaragua that Bro. Policarpo Bonilla, ex-President of the Republic of Honduras, was in duress and in danger of a violent death, owing to his supposed complicity in a revolutionary plot; the telegram closed by appealing to the Freemasons of Costa Rica to do all in their power to avert such a tragedy. Impelled, not only by the principles of our Order but also by the common dictates of humanity and civilization, I, as Grand Master, in conjunction with the M. W. S. of the Rose Croix Chapter and the W. Masters of several of our Lodges, addressed a cable to the President of Honduras requesting his good offices on behalf of our brother in distress: a courteous reply was the result stating that Dr. Bonilla would have a legal trial and would be treated with impartiality and even with lenience; other measures were also taken to attain the same end with satisfactory results. * * *

As I have already remarked, the state of the Costa Rican Craft is sufficiently satisfactory; interest in our Institution is increasing, and I am inclined to think that it will not be long before there will be a Lodge in the capital of each province in the Republic; indeed, this wave of enthusiasm indicates a promising future.

Our Lodges have carried on their work in accordance with the prescriptions of the Constitution and Code, and, although I have visited the various temples several times, I refrain from making what perhaps might be invidious criticism: however, it is necessary to draw your attention to Union Fraternal No. 2, Limon, as, should this Lodge again exhibit

disorderly tendencies it is my opinion that the charter should be arrested.

A new lodge was formed at Puntarenas, working the Spanish ritual of the Scottish Rite, the same as is worked by four others of the lodges. Two lodges work the English ritual of St. John of Scotland. One lodge, now dormant, worked the German ritual of Schroder.

Lodges, 7; members, 203; increase, 14.

Tomas Povedano (San Jose), G. M.

Edmund A. Osborne (San Jose), G. S.

CUBA.

Annual Communication, Havana, March 26, 1905.

Jose F. Pellon, G. M.

These proceedings are in the Spanish language, but the address of the Grand Master is repeated in English. We quote as follows:

More than once, worshipful brethren, have I deemed it my duty, in moments similar to the present, to emphasize certain doctrinal points which, if an illusion to them in other countries would be superfluous--for there they constitute a veritable axiom not open to discussion--here among us of the Latin race, of but recently formed national life, it is necessary to mention and bring to attention, not only the more forcibly to impress upon you the true conception of the Masonic Fraternity as yet not sufficiently possessed by all our members, but, and this is of still greater importance, in order that friendly Grand Lodges, especially those of Anglo-Saxon countries, where the Holy Ark of the Ancient Landmarks is most firmly upheld and where the standard of Masonry has been raised highest, may be persuaded and convinced that the Grand Lodge of the Island of Cuba knows as well as they do how to preserve intact those principles and inspires with like endeavor to keep high their standard, to the extent permitted in a nation that as yet numbers less than two millions.

Happily, many Grand Lodges already recognize and emphatically declare that ours is free from the defects peculiar to those of the Latin race, and but recently, in consequence of the resolution passed in our last annual communication to sever relations with the Grand Orient of France for failing to sustain the above-mentioned fundamental principle of Masonry, have we had the satisfaction of reading words of appreciation and respect in the Reports on Correspondence of several Grand Lodges, words of unstinted praise for ours as a true Masonic power, as one constituted like American Grand Lodges, where the genuine principles of the fraternity are proclaimed and practiced and where there is no room for the aberrations that unfortunately corrupt the true nature of other Latin Lodges prone to assign to Masonry objects and aims foreign thereto.

To the famous English admiral Nelson is attributed the saying that to the sea you must speak in English, and this may be applied mutatis mutandis to our Institution as an organism born in England and thence propagated, for as in civil law the jurist in consulting original sources is led back to Roman institutions, thus in Masonry, English founts of knowledge must be studied if one would gain a true and pure conception of the Institution. Nor may some superficial critic call us servile imitators. Is not such quest for information directed by the very origin whence came the peculiar and distinctive character of the fraternity? No sooner is this character changed when the Institution ceases to be Masonic, when of Masonry there remains but the name.

Therefore, we Latin Masons, if we would preserve that character, if we would have pure and genuine Masonry, must never throw aside the English moulds, the moulds in which were cast those beautiful Anglo-American organizations existing in every State of our sister republic, solely and exclusively dedicated to the realization of the social aims of Masonry. those Grand Lodges admirably administered and governed, counting by thousands their subordinate Lodges, where the direct object of the fraternity, individual improvement, is foremost, where magnificent buildings, be they temples or asylums, attest the existence of the true fraternity oblivious of all political and religious agitation. * * *

In the course of the Masonic year, to-day ending, one Lodge had planned a public procession, and its Master having consulted privately my opinion on the subject, I advised against the execution of the plan. True, in the United States, sometimes Lodges and often Knights Templar as also the Scottish Ritters and some other secret societies hold parades, generally carried out with extraordinary splendor, and at first sight nothing seems to forbid the holding of similar pageants in Cuba. By examining more closely into the matter there are in fact weighty opposing motives at least to him who now addresses you.

We all know the strong opposition, in Cuba altogether uncalled-for and unjust, which Masonry encounters on the part of the Catholic clergy, whose religion is professed by the majority of Cubas inhabitants. Every Mason is aware of the fact, none the less real and evident though absurd, that the Catholic clergy believe, or at least so allege, Masonry to be the enemy of the church, an opinion this that is deeply rooted in the minds of the misinformed, and one which only in time and by dint of direct and continued propaganda, more of a practical than of an ideal nature, can be dislodged from those disturbed brains.

It is likewise notorious that as a rule not only among Catholics but among Protestants and unbelievers it is a common error to consider Masonry a religion, while it is hardly necessary to point out that in Cuba, save some insignificant exception, processions have always been one form of Catholic worship. Hence, the day a Lodge would have a public manifestation of this kind, many would believe to behold a religious procession intended against the Catholic church. In

the United States nobody would for a moment harbor such a thought, but in Cuba as she is to-day, few, very few would understand that a Masonic parade is not a religious procession, not an anti-Catholic demonstration.

But there would be another danger greater than that of ignorant persons forming a wrong conception of a Masonic exhibition; there would be danger of the introduction by some of our legislators of a bill prohibiting processions altogether and thus dealing a blow to personal liberty. My hearers will remember that some months ago, first a Catholic procession and then a parade of the Odd Fellows in Havana gave rise to the introduction of such a bill, and there was even a newspaper, I believe a government organ of liberal tendency, that opposed vehemently the practice of such processions, considering them, as many did, of a Masonic or religious character. Your Grand Master had to personally dissipate that error on the part of the editor, telling him that Masons for the present do not hold processions in Cuba.

Last, but not least, there is a danger of ridicule, greater perhaps than that of absurd legislation. A Masonic exhibition in Cuba, at this time, would possess neither the seriousness nor the importance of the beautiful parades of our American sister lodges, where thousands of brothers fall in line, practiced in the march, of military bearing and impressing the spectator as a trained body of martial spirit. There is but a step from the sublime to the ridiculous.

If Cuba had thousands of such comfortably situated brothers, if error and prejudice now prevalent here were to disappear in true tolerance with our opinions, your Grand Master would not oppose the holding of such public, semi-military exhibitions, reserved for us, perhaps, in the near future, as not unlikely the placing of corner stones in public buildings may be reserved for us, an act which by custom and law in the United States pertains to the prerogatives of the Grand Lodges.

Lodges, 61; members, 2,783; increase, 331.

Jose F. Pellon (Cienfuegos), G. M.

Aurelio Miranda (Havana), G. S.

DELAWARE.

100th Communication, Wilmington, October 4, 1905.

R. Henry Young, G. M.

Peace and harmony prevail. The Grand Master officially visited all the lodges and found them working well and in good condition.

The Grand Charity Fund amounts to \$1,810.06, and the Grand Reserve Fund to \$2,327.98. The only call on the Charity Fund was for \$50.

A Master's pedestal and sprig of acacia, used by Hiram Lodge over 100 years ago, were presented to Grand

Lodge. Another brother presented a keystone from the quarry at Jerusalem.

Their centennial anniversary is to be celebrated on June 7, 1906.

In the review of New Jersey, by Bro. H. L. Jackson, we find the following:

This writer has always held and taught that Masonry was anciently and originally an operative science, afterward becoming both Operative and Speculative, but as now practiced it is altogether speculative in its character, being founded upon certain facts and incidents connected with the building of King Solomon's temple, and used allegorically to imprint upon the mind and heart of man wise and serious truths.

The present status of Speculative Masonry and the success of the Grand Lodge system is due mainly to the superior intellectual attainments and almost inspired wisdom and energy of three distinguished men of their day, the Rev. John Theophilus Desaguliers, L.L. D., F. R. S.; the Rev. James Anderson, D. D., and the Hon. Anthony Sayre, the first Grand Master.

To Dr. Desaguliers, more than any other man, are we indebted for the present existence of Free Masonry as a living institution; for, when in the beginning of the eighteenth century, Masonry had fallen into a state of decadence which threatened its extinction, it was Desaguliers who, by his energy and enthusiasm infused a spirit of zeal into his contemporaries which culminated in the revival of the year 1717; and it was his learning and position that gave a standing to the institution which brought to its support noblemen and men of influence, so that the insignificant assemblage of four London Lodges at Apple Tree Tavern has expanded into a fraternity which now overshadows the civilized world. And the moving spirit of all this was the Rev. John Theophilus Desaguliers, L.L.D., F. R. S. He was a clergyman of the Church of England, educated at Christ Church, Oxford, and admitted to clerical orders. In 1718 he received the degree of L.L. D., and was admitted a F. R. S. He was made a Mason in the Lodge of Antiquity, and became the leading spirit in the inauguration of those measures which in 1717 lead to the revival and transition of Masonry to a speculative and symbolical institution. The earliest authorized lectures of symbolic Masonry were those prepared and arranged by Dr. Desaguliers and Dr. Anderson in 1720. The Rev. James Anderson, D. D., a Presbyterian minister, was his colleague and helper, writing out much of the material which Desaguliers collected and suggested.

Extracts are given from our Proceedings of 1904.

Lodges, 22; members, 2,668; increase, 66.

Levin Irving Handy (Newark), G. M.

Benjamin F. Bartram (Wilmington), G. S.

DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA.

95th Communication, Washington, December 20, 1905.
Lurtin R. Ginn, G. M.

On the Past Master's degree, he has the following :

Prior to 1856 the emergent Lodge of actual Past Masters was held in the body of the Grand Lodge and was variously called a "Pass Master Lodge," a "Past Master's Lodge," a "Lodge on the Fourth Degree," etc. Masters-elect were given the degree in the Grand Lodge, and then installed in a body by the Grand Master. In 1856, however, the Grand Master directed the Masters of Lodges to install their successors in their respective Lodges, and such is the practice to-day, but the power to convene an emergent Lodge of actual Past Masters appears always to have been the exclusive prerogative of the Grand Master.

The practice has been in recent years, I believe, for the Grand Lecturer to confer this degree under the oral authority granted him by the Grand Master to convene an emergent Lodge of actual Past Masters for such purpose. It is contended, however, in some quarters, that the Past Masters of a Lodge have the right upon their own volition to assemble as an emergent Lodge of Past Masters and confer so much of the Past Master's degree upon their Master-elect as shall be necessary to qualify him to be installed as Master.

In view of the history of the Past Master's Lodge in this jurisdiction, the custom that has always obtained, and the action of the Grand Lodge of 1848, I do not think that such contention is well founded, but lest I may have construed the matter wrongly I report my action to the Grand Lodge for such action as it may deem proper.

A new lodge, to work in the daytime, received a charter.

The grand visitations were continued to all the lodges.

The Grand Lodge of Guatemala was recognized.

In order to further the requirement of the production of documentary evidence by a visitor, the following report was adopted :

M. W. Sir : The special committee appointed by you to take into consideration the suggestions of the Committee on Correspondence regarding the furnishing of documentary evidence of good standing to Master Masons of this jurisdiction, and the best means of providing such evidence if the suggestions are approved, beg leave to report that they have very carefully considered the matter, and recommend the adoption by this Grand Lodge of a card certificate of the following description :

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Their rule as to funerals is thus quoted:

Should the deceased brother be a member of any civic society whose attendance at the funeral is desired by his family, the Worshipful Master of the Lodge shall also consult with the presiding officer of such society respecting the details of the ceremonies; impressing upon him the fact that when the Lodge has received the body it must necessarily remain in the uninterrupted charge thereof until the conclusion of its services. Should other services be performed, the Lodge should remain until their conclusion. It is competent for civic societies, or military, in attendance upon a Masonic funeral, to be represented among the pall-bearers by members who are also Masons, wearing, in addition to their distinctive regalia or uniforms, the white lambskin apron of a Mason.

It was decided that an emergent lodge for the purpose of conferring the Past Master's degree could only be formed by action of the Grand Lodge or by dispensation of the Grand Master.

A committee was appointed to arrange for their centennial.

Bro. George W. Baird reports on Correspondence in his usual able manner. Canada for 1905 receives fraternal mention. In his review of Ohio we find the following:

There is one little distinction between the report of Bro. Goodale and our production. On pp. 90 and 91 (current Ohio report), he says: "One of the reasons given by the Swiss Grand Lodge for continuing friendly relations with the French Masons is that all Masons in Europe are engaged in an earnest warfare against religious and oftentimes social and political prejudice, * * *" whereas we believe we have made it clear in our report that Masonry in France is essentially on the defensive. It has been persecuted by a sect (not religion), and in the anti-Masonic congress, convened in Trent in 1896, the bishops of the Church of Rome repeatedly spoke of the Freemasonry as a sect.

France, Belgium and Switzerland are near neighbors. Their people speak the same language. Their habits and customs are in common. It is but natural they should fraternize.

The Swiss congress was not held within tiled doors. No secrets of Freemasonry were discussed. They did not feel at liberty to expel the Cerneaus or Prince Hall Masons, but did sanction, by their silence, their presence. So do we sanction by our silence many of the vagaries of those who are persecuting the French speaking Masons.

We are not so unlike the Europeans after all. For peace and harmony we acquiesce. We were made a Mason in Portugal in 1867. The lodge room was on the fourth floor of a large building in Rua Nova de Carmo; a sickly gas jet was

lighted in the street doorway at dusk, from which we lighted our rolinos (wax tapers), and, singly, climbed the stairs. The books of the lodge did not show the name of a living man, for each had to adopt as a soubriquet the name of a dead man. My name was recorded as Andrew Jackson on the lodge rolls. We were obliged to sneak in and sneak out, singly or in pairs, for fear of detection, for it was a penal offense to be a Freemason in Portugal. We dimitted from the lodge when we returned to the United States. About ten years later we again visited Lisbon and, to our chagrin, we were informed that the priests had discovered the lodge and had broken it up.

We fraternized with Masons in Paris in 1867 and found them entertaining and charming gentlemen. Like most of the educated French they did not hold the church in high esteem. It was the religion of their wives and daughters and they gallantly refrained from any disparaging remarks about it. They were, to a man, as good Protestants in principles as could be found (in a dictionary sense).

One of them said of Martin Luther that his greatest error was in not abolishing hell instead of purgatory. Another essayed to prove that neither hell nor purgatory ever existed. A modern version of our New Testament seems to confirm this opinion.

We agree with Bro. Goodale that there is patriotism in Masonry, but we should not claim religion. We are periodically trying to prove this by going to church in regalia that the public may identify us in our devotions. Masonry has been defined as a system of morals veiled in allegory and illustrated by symbols. We have never essayed to give absolution nor exereame unction nor to intercede for a penitent. Then let us adhere to our system of morals in its pristine beauty.

Lodges, 27; members, 7,726; increase, 361.

Walter A. Brown (Washington), G. M.

Arvine W. Johnston (Washington), G. S.

ENGLAND.

Quarterly meeting, September 6, 1905.

The report of the Board on the conference with the Grand Lodges of Scotland and Ireland was adopted. The resolutions adopted at this conference will be found in our review of the Grand Lodge of Ireland, together with the objections made by the delegates from Ireland. The principal resolution is to the effect that no recognition will be extended to a new Grand Lodge in any colony where the three Grand Lodges have equal jurisdiction unless at least two-thirds of the lodges under each jurisdiction have joined in the movement, and recognition shall only be granted by agreement of the three Grand Lodges. This practically means that the Grand Lodges

of Scotland and Ireland have tied themselves down to do the will of England. However much they would desire to recognize the new body they could not do so without the consent of England.

March 7, 1906.

The following resolution was lost:

That in all future elections for Grand Treasurer, the issuing of circulars by the candidates or their supporters shall disqualify the candidate by whom, or on whose behalf, such circulars are issued or sent out.

The Duke of Connaught, G. M.

Sir Edward Letchworth (London), G. S.

FLORIDA.

77th Communication, Jacksonville, January 16, 1906.

Charles W. Johnson, G. M.

In his introductory remarks he says:

Our State is prospering as never before, in every portion of our territory new and beneficial enterprises are being carried on, New S. S. lines are in effect and in contemplation, railroad construction is being pushed, and soon one of the greatest engineering feats of the age will connect our Island City of Key West with the main land. Education of our youth is keeping pace with our material advancement and there no longer exists a good reason for sending our sons and daughters beyond the confines of our State for a liberal education.

We are receiving a generous addition to our population from the other States of the Union, exceeding that of former years, and to the homeseekers we extend the right hand of fellowship, welcoming them to a share in our prosperity and in our responsibilities as citizens.

Florida has adopted usefulness as her chariot, and thereto she has harnessed the spirited steeds of enterprise, progress and development, and to-day we see her driving that triumphal car through this fair land of ours, making the sunlight of prosperity to shine thereon.

Our beloved fraternity is keeping pace. From all sections of our territory come the glad tidings of increase, unity, peace and plenty. We have added to our membership a net gain of six hundred and fifty during the year.

The only cloud that has cast its shadow upon us has been the prevalence of yellow fever in the city of Pensacola.

During the summer yellow fever made its appearance in Tampa but fortunately made no headway.

Five new lodges were formed.

The following edict was issued:

No visitor from a foreign jurisdiction, unavouched for, shall be permitted to visit any lodge in this Grand Jurisdiction

without presenting before examination an official receipt for dues and a certificate of membership under the seal of a regular lodge, said certificate being avouched for by the seal of the Grand Lodge of the jurisdiction of issue.

No visitor unabouched for from a lodge in Florida shall be permitted to visit any lodge in this Grand Jurisdiction without presenting before examination an official receipt for dues from his lodge.

The requirement as to a Grand Lodge certificate is all right, but the receipt for dues is unreasonable. There are lodges in which no dues are required to be paid. The Committee on Jurisprudence did not agree with the Grand Master on this subject, and their report, which was adopted, is in part as follows:

We therefore recommend that the edict be not continued, that the Grand Secretary be and is hereby authorized to procure at once from the Pantagraph Printing Company, of Bloomington, Ill., one hundred and fifty or more copies of this book, containing a list of regular lodges, and that they be furnished to the lodges of this state and to members desiring to purchase same at cost. That each lodge be directed to procure from the Grand Secretary a copy of the book and that it be kept in a convenient place in the lodge room for use in proving documents presented to prove good standing of visiting brethren.

Numerous extracts from our Proceedings of 1905 are given in the report on Correspondence by Bro. Silas B. Wright.

Lodges, 158; members, 6,655; increase, 650.

Charles W. Johnson (Jacksonville), G. M.

Wilber P. Webster (Jacksonville), G. S.

GEORGIA.

119th Communication, Macon, October 31, 1905.

Max Meyerhardt, G. M.

Describing his official visits, he says:

During the past year I have traveled several thousand miles in making official visits. These visits have carried me to many parts of our beloved commonwealth—from historic Chickamauga in the north to the shores of the Atlantic Ocean in the southeast, and the borders of Alabama in the southwest. My visits, in the main, have been to the smaller cities and to the country lodges, and I have found faithful Craftsmen everywhere. I have been greeted with hearty hand-clasps, with bright smiles, with generous hospitality, with every manifestation of earnest, cordial brotherhood. These country brethren, oftentimes at great personal sacrifice, at their lodge meetings, visit the sick, bury the dead, care for the widow and the orphan, and contribute liberally to every

worthy cause. On their altars glow the sacred fires of Masonry. In their lives they splendidly illustrate the rugged virtues of Masonic manhood, the tender beauties of Masonic love. With simple faith and reverent hearts they humbly worship the Great Architect of the Universe. And when life's journey nears its end, with trust in God and hope in immortality, they look forward, with faith well founded, to the eternal life beyond the stars.

My heart thrills with pride, my eyes are dimmed with grateful tears, to feel and know that I can claim brotherhood with such as these, the pick and flower of Georgia's truest, noblest citizens.

Bro. John R. Wilkinson, P. G. M., has compiled a history of the Grand Lodge of Georgia from its inception, with a complete list of all the Grand Officers from the year of their charter, 1735.

Their Masonic Home is in operation.

On June 14 the doors of our Home were thrown open and for more than four months the Home has been in full and successful operation. Under its hospitable roof fourteen inmates are now being cared for, and from now on the number will steadily increase.

I feel that it is a matter for the heartiest congratulation that after so many years of toil and struggle, of hope deferred, of trial and disappointment, we have witnessed the triumphant consummation of our hopes and prayers. This Home is indeed a splendid and enduring monument to the generous liberality of Georgia Masons. It is truly a Home in every sense of the word, where every comfort is provided, where every want is anticipated, where perfect harmony reigns, and which we hope and believe is crowned with the approving smile of God.

On the first day of the session the Grand Lodge spent the afternoon at the Home, and the evening was entirely devoted to social features, music and addresses.

The recognition of the Grand Orient of Brazil was refused.

The conclusion of the report of the Committee on Jurisprudence is rather good.

Your committee have been much impressed with the unfaltering zeal and fidelity with which the Grand Master has served the cause of Masonry during the past year. He has verily gone over the State, from "Tybee light to Rabun Gap," like an oriflame, everywhere enthusing the Craftsmen and leading them to higher heights in Masonry. When we consider that this zeal and devotion is crowned with great wisdom and enriched with long experience, we find an explanation for the present and magnificent fruition of Masonic efforts. In the language of old Rip Van Winkle, "Here's to him and his children; may they live long and prosper."

Lodges, 485; members, 25,289; increase, 1,169.

Max Meyerhardt (Rome), G. M.

W. A. Wolihin (Macon), G. S.

IDAHO.

38th Communication, Boise, September 12, 1905.

Albert W. Gordon, G. M.

The address is an able document, showing good work and true. We copy part of the introduction:

There is much to encourage us, as Freemasons, in the condition of the Craft everywhere: we are steadily increasing in membership, we are surely extending the principles of our noble fraternity in every direction, quietly and unostentatiously teaching the divine lessons of Brotherly Love, Relief and Truth, and maintaining the cardinal virtues of Temperance, Fortitude, Prudence and Justice in all the nations of the earth.

And yet while promulgating and disseminating these principles are we living them as we ought? Are we practicing out of the lodge those great moral duties inculcated in it? Are we treating our brethren, and the world at large, with that fraternal forbearance and consideration taught in our ritual? These are questions it behooves us to seriously ask ourselves, and to remedy those faults we may find we are committing.

Masonry is not measured by the professions of its members, unless those professions are executed with fidelity: it is the innate strength of the individual Mason, his work in the community in which he lives, and his standing as a man, that measure the worth of our great order; and while renewing former friendships, and gaining new ones, in the intimate and pleasant association of the Grand Lodge, let us again renew our allegiance to the principles of our noble fraternity, let us return to our homes with enthusiasm revived, resolved to more fully practice the virtues we teach; let us endeavor to control and subdue the besetting sins of selfishness and enviousness and to cultivate the spirit of tolerance. Let us see to it that we walk uprightly as men and Masons, that we observe the golden rule, "and do unto others as we would that they should do unto us." Thus, my brethren, we will approach more nearly to a full compliance with the letter and spirit of our obligations, and set an example that will be of immeasurable benefit to those with whom we come in contact, and thus exemplify in our daily lives, that true Masonic charity which enables to judge rationally, and unselfishly, the shortcomings and frailties of our fellow men; to admonish them with friendship, and to reprehend them with fraternal justice; and if I have any injunction to give you, my brethren, it is to exhort you to conform with earnestness to the teachings of Masonry, a faithful reliance upon its precepts will aid us in every battle and encourage us in our struggle for higher ideals.

The Grand Lecturer reports great advancement, but he is not yet satisfied. He wants it made compulsory upon the officers of lodges to attend the schools of instruction.

An invasion of the jurisdiction by New York caused non-intercourse to be declared with that Grand Lodge until the matter was cleared up.

Every candidate, after receiving the third degree, is required to pass an examination in that degree within two months.

In his review of Canada for 1904, Bro. George E. Knep-
per says:

The Grand Master in his address admits one hundred and seventy-one special dispensations granted for various purposes. The Secretary's report gives the object of these dispensations. It is found that sixty-one were granted to lodges to attend divine service. It would seem that the Grand Master would be justified in "cutting the strings" and granting to all lodges as well as the individual members thereof the privilege of attending divine service as often as the spirit moved them—the oftener the better.

Lodges, 36; members, 2,056; increase, 102.

Jeremiah W. Robinson (Boise), G. M.

Theophilus W. Randall (Boise), G. S.

ILLINOIS.

66th Communication, Chicago, October 3, 1905.

William B. Wright, G. M.

Masonry in Illinois is maintaining its well deserved reputation for good work, high ideals and adherence to noble principles. The Grand Master very eloquently remarks:

It is a great privilege to be able to assist in the work of bringing intellectual light into the dark corners of the world, of helping our fellowmen to throw aside their prejudices and sweep away their mental cobwebs, of placing them upon the mountain tops, with their desire for knowledge quickened, their capacity for learning enlarged, their mental horizon broadened, their love for their fellows intensified, their power to discern the true relations of life expanded, and consequently their usefulness as citizens and members of society increased. This is a privilege every Mason enjoys. May every one of us to the extent of our power live up to the full measure of our opportunities, and do our full share in promoting peace and harmony, liberty and equality, righteousness and justice, among all the peoples of the earth.

During the year the Masonic Home at Sullivan has been completed, furnished and occupied. It is mainly in-

tended for aged and indigent Masons, their wives and widows. There are 40 inmates, maintained at a cost of \$3.17 per week per member.

The Masonic Orphans' Home at Chicago has 80 inmates, and the cost of maintenance is given at \$3.20 per week. They are paying particular attention to finding good homes for the children, as it is believed that family life is better for the children than life in an institution.

The laying of corner stones of churches on Sunday was deprecated.

Recognition was refused to the Grand Lodge of Porto Rico.

The Grand Lodge of Queensland was recognized by the adoption of the following report, with the reasoning of which we heartily agree:

At the last annual communication this committee reported the formation of an independent Grand Lodge of Queensland by a convention held at Brisbane on March 22 and April 25, 1904, in which thirty-nine out of one hundred and fifty-two lodges then existing in that Australasian state took part, a request for fraternal recognition from the new grand lodge being then before us.

It will be remembered that twenty-five of the participating lodges held under the Irish constitution (all but one of the lodges on the Irish registry), and fourteen under the Scottish constitution.

Although it seemed plain almost to demonstration to your committee, that the unparalleled application of the gag in the English and Scottish lodges by their respective district and provincial rulers, and the generally lawless and violent character of their repressive measures, betokened their belief that the claim of the Grand Lodge of Queensland that if left to the free choice guaranteed to them by the law governing the formation of grand lodges, a large majority of the lodges would at once have given in their adhesion to the movement for an independent grand lodge, we did not recommend immediate recognition because the evidence in our hands of the right of the lodges participating in the convention to speak for the majority of the lodges in Queensland was not complete. It was not clearly in evidence from so much of the record as was in our hands that all the lodges in the territory had been invited to participate in the convention. Since that report was made, however, we have come into possession of abundant evidence on this point, not only in the published proceedings of the Grand Lodge of Queensland, but from sources unfriendly to that body. V. W. Bro. John Strachan, Grand Registrar (the law officer) of the Grand Lodge of England, in an official report attempting to discredit the regularity of the new grand lodge, speaking from a thorough knowledge of the proceedings, says that "overtures were made to the English and Scotch lodges to join the movement."

This fact being established beyond dispute, it is manifest that the convention when assembled had complete jurisdiction of the subject matter which it was called to consider, and was fully authorized to determine whether or not an independent grand lodge should be organized. Every lodge in the territory was entitled to be present and bear its part in answering the question which could then and there, and then and there only, be lawfully asked and answered. That convention answered the question in the affirmative, and proceeding regularly, acting always within its rights under the common law of Masonry did form an independent grand lodge which at once became the ultimate source of Masonic authority within the political boundaries of the state of Queensland. As such it is entitled to recognition, and we therefore recommend the adoption of the following resolutions :

Resolved, That the Grand Lodge of Queensland is hereby recognized as being regularly formed under conditions fully warranting such action, and therefore rightfully entitled to exclusive Masonic jurisdiction coterminous with the political boundaries of the state wherein it exists.

Resolved, That the Grand Lodge of Illinois welcomes the Grand Lodge of Queensland into the equal sisterhood of grand lodges and will gladly cultivate closer fraternal relations therewith by an interchange of representatives.

The feature of these Proceedings is an extensive and elaborate report on Correspondence by Bro. Joseph Robbins, who is easily in the front rank of reviewers. It covers 300 pages, with reviews of 61 Grand Lodges. Commenting on the report of the Grand Registrar of England on the Queensland Grand Lodge, in which the remark is made that there had been no desire on the part of the English lodges to join in the movement, or even to discuss the question, Bro. Robbins says :

"Was she resigned?" asked a gentleman of a friend who had just lost his mother-in-law. "Resigned? Gad, sir, she had to be." Bro. Strachan was quite safe in believing that the English lodges were discreetly silent as to any desire to join in or even to discuss the movement. They had to be. We are, as we reported last year, in possession of circulars issued by the English district Grand Lodge authorities, forbidding the lodges of their obedience to consider the subject while open, and their members to discuss it even while at refreshment.

If Bro. Strachan was ignorant of this fact, of what value is his report? If he was not ignorant—then what?

Canada for 1904 receives a good notice, with numerous extracts.

In discussing the question of the Scottish Rite in regard to Craft Masonry with Bro. Duncan, of Louisiana, Bro. Robbins says:

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Numbers do not always constitute strength. Fewer members of better quality are preferable.

A committee was appointed to further the establishment of a Masonic Home for Orphans. The financial agent collected over \$51,000 for the Home. Of one lodge he says:

There are some facts that ought to be made a matter of record and perpetuated in the history of this movement. To Leon Lodge No. 16 belongs the honor of being the first lodge that ever contributed one hundred dollars to the Orphans' Home Fund. Leon is a country village, thirty-five miles from the railroad. The lodge only has twenty-nine members. From the beginning Leon Lodge No. 16 has been a liberal contributor. The report of this year will show that Leon Lodge gave one hundred and three dollars. When it is remembered that this money was earned by hard and honest toil upon farms and so liberally given by brethren, ninety per cent. of whom live on rented land, no one should feel hurt or overlooked when your financial agent awards the blue ribbon to Leon Lodge in this work.

Bro. Thomas C. Humphrey presented his third report on Correspondence, in which Canada for 1904 receives fraternal mention.

Lodges, 168; members, 6,363; increase, 600.

Richard W. Choate (Haileyville), G. M.

Joseph S. Murrow (Atoka), G. S.

IOWA.

62nd Communication, Davenport, June 6, 1905.

Sumner Miller, G. M.

For beauty of typography and general appearance these Proceedings take the prize. They are a credit to all concerned, from the Grand Secretary down to the printer's devil.

The address is a well written business like paper, from which we should judge that Gro. Miller proved himself to be an efficient and zealous officer. He reports continued prosperity.

From the report of the Grand Secretary on the Library we take the following:

The opening up of a large number of Carnegie free public libraries in Iowa has awakened an additional interest in library work, which has, in a measure at least, extended to the Masonic fraternity and caused an enthusiasm among our members and all interested in Masonic libraries which cannot help but prove beneficial to the Craft at large. A visit to a

library opens up a new world to many who never before realized the value of such a collection. Carlisle says "the best university of these days is a collection of books"—surely, then, we have organized a Masonic university which should continue to grow and expand. That the Masons of Iowa are the more and more appreciating the library is shown by the interest taken in it by the rank and file of our members and the large number of books loaned among them annually. Not only are our own members realizing the benefit therefrom, but those other jurisdictions as well. During the past year over a thousand dollars worth of books have been loaned to members of other Grand Jurisdictions, and, we are pleased to state, without the loss or destruction of a single volume—surely this is a record of which we may feel proud.

On the proper method of examination of visitors, the custodians report that they had made enquiries and found that legislation on this subject or the prescribing of methods of examination by Grand Lodges was very limited. They also say:

Throughout our entire inquiry the underlying thought and purpose was clear that the chief aim of such examinations is the preservation of the integrity of Masonry, but the jurisdictions are not in harmony as to the method of examination to secure that end. It may be said that no two jurisdictions are entirely so. There is, however, throughout all the jurisdictions a similarity, if not a sameness in some respects, as, that all use a test oath, or Tyler's oath, varying in form and somewhat in substance, but quite alike in the essential particulars. All work through committees appointed for that purpose. And, as a rule, these committees are invested with a large discretion as to the method of inquiry. We do not find that any grand jurisdiction has found it expedient to make definite rules, or prescribe definite forms for the government of such committees in the performance of their duties, the manifest thought being that the conditions cannot be so far prejudged as to render such rules or forms of practical utility, and that each occasion will best disclose to the intelligent committee the forms to be observed, aided by some general rules or methods that uniformly obtain.

Having in mind that the preservation of the integrity of the Order lies at the foundation of these inquiries, it has been the rule of this Grand Jurisdiction for years, as taught by the Board of Custodians, that these inquiries should be of such a character that a rejected applicant for admission as a visitor should part from the committee no wiser in Masonic knowledge than when he came. We do not think it expedient to discuss or suggest the details of how this result may be reached in a written report to be made public, and leave that for independent or verbal comment in connection with the report.

Porto Rico was recognized and the application of Queensland was deferred.

The following recommendation was laid over till next year:

That the edict of non-intercourse pronounced against the Masons of France by this Grand Lodge be withdrawn in so far as it applies to the Grand Lodge of France, but that it remain in full force and effect as to all other so-called Masonic bodies of that country; and we do extend to the Grand Lodge of France fraternal recognition as a regular Masonic body.

The committee making this recommendation is satisfied that the Grand Lodge of France is correct in its declaration of a necessity in every candidate of belief in God and that it does not hold with the Grand Orient of France in the abolition of that requirement. The two bodies may be separate and distinct, but so far the Grand Orient has been the dominant power and has been looked upon as the representative of French Masons. At the recent conference in Belgium both bodies were represented, and the connection between the two bodies seems to be very close and cordial. They are both engaged in defending themselves against the aggressions of the priesthood, fighting for liberty of conscience, which would be destroyed if the Roman Catholic clergy could prevail, and we would probably do likewise if we were in their situation.

Bro. Joseph E. Morcombe, the chairman of Correspondence, has been appointed Grand Historian and has commenced his important work. As he is an enthusiast on the subject and thoroughly equipped with the necessary ability, Bro. Morcombe will certainly score a success.

Canada for 1904 has fraternal mention.

Lodges, 505; members, 35,729; increase, 1,146.

William H. Norris (Manchester), G. M.

Newton R. Parvin (Cedar Rapids), G. S.

IRELAND.

This Grand Lodge is gradually waking up to a realizing sense of its duty to afford some information as to its doings and status. The pamphlet before us (sent with the compliments of the Grand Treasurer, R. W. Bro. W. J. Chetwode Crawley), contains the annual address, the international agreement with England and Scotland, details of their Female Orphan School, Orphan Boys' School, Victoria Jubilee Annuity Fund, Belfast Widows' Fund, County Down Widows' Fund, accounts and statistics, registrar of warrants, and a sermon by the Rt. Rev.

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have been obtained without the large-hearted co-operation of the subordinate lodges, who generously supplement the carefully considered grants of the central Committee of Charity. In every case of which they have local knowledge or with which they have special sympathy. In this connection the marked thanks of Grand Lodge are due to the Belfast Committee of Charity, which has lightened the labors of the Metropolitan Committee as far as the Province of Antrim is concerned; a province, let me remind you, which includes one hundred and twelve lodges.

Similar evidence of our continued prosperity will be found in the condition of our three great voluntary charities, if one may so style them in contradistinction to the general charity fund levied and administered by Grand Lodge. We are justly proud of the Masonic Female Orphan School, founded 1792; the Masonic Orphan Boys' School, founded 1867, and the Queen Victoria Jubilee Masonic Annuity Fund, founded 1887. They have been most happily termed by the R. W. Deputy Grand Master, "the three Masonic Jewels of Ireland," and the aptness of the phrase will make it live in the heart of every Freemason. * * *

Similar changes have taken place in our representation abroad, but the only case which calls for particular mention is that of Canada, where our interests are entrusted to M. W. Bro. Benjamin Allen, in succession to our lamented brother, Kivas Tully. More than fifty years ago, as Bro. Kivas Tully himself related to this Grand Lodge at its annual communication on St. John's Day, 1898, he "went on leave" to Canada from the old and famous Lodge No. 13, Limerick, and as he epigrammatically put it, he "remained on leave" ever after. He attained the highest honors in the Grand Lodge of Canada, to which, with the full approbation of this Grand Lodge, he transferred his Masonic allegiance. We have no doubt that our M. W. Bro. Allen will worthily sustain the standard which was born aloft for so many years by our late distinguished fellow-countryman, Bro. Kivas Tully, Past Grand Master of Canada, and sometime Worshipful Master of Lodge No. 13 on the Register of the Grand Lodge of Ireland.

An international conference between the Grand Lodges of the three kingdoms was held in London at midsummer. The conference had two main objects under discussion. First, it was desirable to arrive at some common understanding as to how and when new Grand Lodges in the colonies should be recognized. Secondly, it was desirable to equalize the status of Past Masters throughout the three jurisdictions. In neither of these directions did the conference go as far as your representatives would have them go. The Grand Lodges of England and Scotland hold views on these points which seem less consistent with the universality of the Craft and the rights of brethren in distant colonies than those long held and strongly advocated by the Grand Lodge of Ireland. It would have been absurd, however, for your representatives to wreck an agreement which was a substantial advance beyond what had been previously in force, merely because it did not satisfy to the full the more liberal views of the Grand Lodge of Ireland.

The text of the agreement, and the brief report in which your representatives embodied their reasons for hesitating to give unconditional and immediate assent, will be found in the appendix to this annual address.

Speaking personally, I should apprehend difficulty in seeking valid arguments in support of the thesis that the parent Grand Lodges of the British Isles have the right to impose on colonial lodges, without their consent, conditions which interfere in any way with the legitimate freedom of action. History, expediency, equity, our racial instincts seem to be against the principle. Does any inquirer want a closer historical parallel than the proposition laid down in the Declaratory Act of 1766, to the effect that the mother country "has, and of right ought to have, power to bind the colonies in all cases whatsoever?" Our American brethren were the outcome of that contention.

Perhaps I had better explain that a century ago the belief prevailed that the possession of the Craft Warrant, issued by Grand Lodge, authorized the lodge to confer any degree which might be considered Masonic, provided always that the lodge numbered among its members brethren capable of conferring the degrees. Nor was there any central organization, such as a Grand Chapter, in existence, to grant Warrants for the degrees now considered to be properly under the control of such a body. The Grand Royal Arch Chapter of Ireland dates only from 1829, having come into existence a score of years later than the present Grand Royal Arch Chapter of England. The authority of the new organization was cheerfully and speedily recognized by the brethren in possession of the degree. They formed themselves into Royal Arch Chapters connected with the lodges, and having the same numbers. Here and there, however, a lodge lagged behind, and Lodge No. 198 seems to have been amongst the laggards, conferring the Royal Arch degree in the old way as late as 1840. Bro. William Moore was the last survivor of the brethren exalted under the conditions that had previously obtained in his lodge. Hence the record of his demise marks the close of an epoch in the development of Freemasonry.

The reminder will not come amiss that we Irish Freemasons have an historical right to be heard on the authority of the warrant, and the institution of the Royal Arch degree. The Grand Lodge of Ireland was the first Grand Lodge in the world to furnish its lodges with charters as evidence of their legal constitution. That momentous step was taken just one hundred and seventy-five years ago. Twelve years later, the earliest mention of Royal Arch Masonry, nay, the very first collocation of the words Royal Arch, occur in the chronicle of an Irish lodge. In those hundred and seventy-five years the Lodge Warrant and the Royal Arch degree have conquered the world of Freemasonry. If the inquirer seeks the secret of that conquest he will have to read between the lines of Irish Masonic history, or ever he can use the significant word, engraved on the slab in the foreground of the frontispiece of the first Book of Constitution, Eureka !

We give the resolutions adopted at the conference with England and Scotland and the dissent expressed by the delegates from Ireland:

1. The three Grand Lodges agree that any member of the Craft who may be suspended or expelled in one jurisdiction shall not, while so disqualified, be permitted to visit or join any lodge under the jurisdiction of the others; and each Grand Lodge shall cause notice of all decrees of suspension or expulsion to be sent to the other Grand Lodges. And in case of such decrees being made abroad, the district or provincial authorities acting shall also notify the neighboring district or provincial authorities of all three jurisdictions.

2. In each of the three jurisdictions a duly installed Master under either of the other Constitutions shall, if not otherwise disqualified, be entitled to be present at a Board (i. e., conclave) of installed Masters, and to form one of the quorum; but not to preside therein or to instal a Master, unless requested to do so by the Board (i. e., conclave). Nor can a Visiting Master or Past Master of another Constitution preside in the lodge he is visiting. In case there is not present a Master or Past Master duly qualified under the home jurisdiction, then and then only the officer in charge of the lodge may request a Master or Past Master under one of the other two Constitutions to perform any ceremony which the Warden is not competent to perform. This agreement is not to interfere with the right of the Worshipful Master of a lodge to invite a member of the lodge or a visiting Master or Past Master of any of the three Constitutions to perform any ceremony without assuming the chair.

3. The question of recognizing a new Grand Lodge in any colony or other territory in which the three Grand Lodges have equal jurisdiction, and in which they have warranted lodges working, shall not be taken into consideration unless at least two-thirds of the lodges under each jurisdiction have signified their adhesion to such new body; and such recognition shall only be granted by agreement of the three Grand Lodges. After the recognition of such new Grand Lodge as a sovereign body the respective authorities of the three Grand Lodges will surrender their rights to warrant new lodges within the jurisdiction of the new body, provided always that the rights of lodges not adhering to the new body shall be fully safeguarded. * * *

Your representatives thought it their duty to apprise the other representatives of two points on which their views were not in full accord, and which they proposed to reserve for the consideration of the Grand Lodge of Ireland.

1. Your representatives failed to see any valid reason why regularly installed Masters of any one of the three jurisdictions should be precluded from presiding in any regular lodge when requested so to do by the proper authorities. Further, they submitted that the ground suggested at the conference for this disqualification—namely, a possible conflict of loyalty to the jurisdictions involved—was specially untenable in the case of installed Masters

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Arcadia Lodge, No. 329, is located at Arcadia, Kansas. It is a small village on the State line. On the occasion of the official visitation a third degree was conferred on three brothers in blood as well as in Masonry. Special trains from Fort Scott and Pittsburg brought a large number of visiting brethren. The work on one of the brothers was remarkable in this that every station in the lodge was filled by an actual Master of some lodge. That enough actual Masters from visiting lodges were present to fill the stations is evidence of the number of visiting lodges represented.

The District Deputy system has been on trial for a year, but is not yet satisfactory owing to lack of experience.

The following was adopted:

No lodge within this jurisdiction shall admit a visitor who shall be unable conclusively to establish by documentary evidence or personal voucher that he hails from some regular lodge in this jurisdiction or within the jurisdiction of a regular Grand Lodge, recognized by and in correspondence with the M. W. Grand Lodge of Ancient, Free and Accepted Masons of Kansas. Documentary evidence shall be a diploma, receipt for dues under seal of the lodge, Grand Secretary's certificate, written endorsements by a Grand Master, or certificate of dismission—all of which shall designate a lodge or Grand Lodge known to be regular and within the provisions of this regulation. Vouchers shall be personal, and made only in Lodge by some member thereof, or by a Master Mason who has established his right to sit in such lodge. In all cases it shall be the duty of the Master of the lodge to ascertain that the lodge from which the visitor claims to hail is a regular lodge within the provisions of this regulation.

Their jubilee was celebrated with appropriate ceremonies.

Bro. William M. Shaver has a good report on Correspondence, and we regret to notice that it will be his last. He reviews Canada for 1905: Of their ritual he says:

As we have had occasion to say before, the promulgation of such a work, so protected, is no violation of the Masonic obligation. In the first place it does not contain the "hidden mysteries of Freemasonry;" again, the references to such portions of the ritual as are to be found in the cipher are so hidden that it is decipherable only by one who already is lawfully possessed of a working knowledge of that ritual; and these facts, coupled with the protection thrown around the book itself, places the cipher within the qualifying clause of the obligation.

When I write down the letters "T b s o t b d e p b t p," no one could possibly decipher therefrom that I had written down the initial letters of the doggerel, "The boy stood on the burning deck eating peanuts by the peck," unless I informed him of the fact. Neither can any one who is not possessed of a

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LOUISIANA.

94th Communication, New Orleans, February 6, 1906.

L. P. Delahoussaye, G. M.

On the progress of the Craft he says:

This, I am more than pleased to report, notwithstanding the presence of the yellow fever in many localities during the summer, has been most satisfactory and certainly very gratifying. There has been a substantial increase in our membership, and the best men of our country are applying for admission into our fraternity. New lodges have been instituted in localities which had not felt the humanizing influences of Freemasonry, and these lodges give assurance of permanent development, which must result in the welfare of all. Many inquiries relative to the formation of others have been frequent, and the future is bright with the prospect of their organization. All of our chartered lodges, with but a few exceptions, indicate a healthy growth, and the brethren, as a body, foretell of grander achievements and nobler aspirations.

Twelve new lodges were formed.

Louisiana Relief Lodge, No. 1, is the only one of its kind in the world. It is composed of the Masters and Wardens of the lodges in New Orleans. It does not confer degrees. Of its excellent work the Grand Master says:

I wish to convey to the officers of this lodge the grateful thanks of the Grand Lodge and commend them for that devotion to duty that never faltered though often confronted by almost insurmountable difficulties. When the daughter of a Master Mason was stricken with the yellow fever how quickly she was taken to a place of safety, her every want supplied, and so carefully and lovingly attended by Dr. Gaster, a physician of our Order, free of all cost. This daughter was soon restored to perfect health by such loving care and devoted attention and is to-day a living and glorious tribute to the usefulness of this Relief Lodge. A brother dying far from the distant home he loved so well, was given the last honors of Masonry, his sick wife cared for, and the children placed in charge of Mrs. H. C. Brown, a member of Rob. Morris Chapter, Order of the Eastern Star, one of God's noblest, truest and best, who proved a mother to the fatherless. And when the widow was restored to health, Mrs. Brown took her to her heart and home, gave back her children, took care of them all under her hospitable roof, until God had comforted the widow and gave her strength to return to her northern home. These are only a few of the many cases. I could fill pages upon pages of this report by relating the experiences of Louisiana Relief Lodge. My brethren, we have a right to be proud of the officers of Louisiana Relief Lodge, but prouder still of the lodge itself, the only chartered one of its kind in the world. Here, the Masonic brother, stranded on a foreign

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Bro. H. C. Duncan reports on Correspondence and reviews Canada for 1905.

Lodges, 179; members, 9,651; increase, 691.

L. C. Allen (Shreveport), G. M.

Richard Lambert (New Orleans), G. S.

MAINE.

86th Communication, Portland, May 2, 1905.

Hugh R. Chaplin, G. M.

The Grand Master reports that in nearly every lodge the brethren are united and active, and no serious differences exist between any of the lodges.

All the District Deputies (25 in number) submitted reports, showing the Craft in a sound and prosperous condition.

Lodges, 201; members, 25,307; increase, 696.

Hugh R. Chaplin (Bangor), G. M.

Stephen Berry (Portland), G. S.

MANITOBA.

30th Communication, Winnipeg, June 14, 1905.

Rev. Andrew Chisholm, G. M.

We quote part of his opening remarks:

The great prosperity of western Canada has been reflected in the advancement and progress of Masonry in this jurisdiction. People from many lands are seeking to establish for themselves homes in the west. The ancient poet makes his hero say that he left his native shores with tears; so in labor and sometimes sorrow these strangers seek to cast in their lot with us. Impressions for good or bad are easily cut into character in such circumstances. Here is where the value of a sound ethic comes in; benevolence meets and welcomes the stranger. The altruism of Masonry is a mighty power in this western land.

Bro. Chisholm visited all the districts except the Yukon. The year was unusually prosperous.

There are two lodges in the Yukon district, at Dawson and Whitehorse. The District Deputy lives at Whitehorse and was unable to visit Dawson as navigation did not open until the first of June. Of Whitehorse lodge he says:

Whitehorse Lodge I have visited frequently during the year, both officially and otherwise. The statistical report

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of suspension, and arbitrary refusals to allow any discussion of the matter, a large majority of the lodges in Queensland would have joined in the movement to establish the new Grand Lodge.

172nd Annual Communication, Boston, Dec. 13, 1905.

Baalis Sanford, G. M.

On the state of the Craft he says:

It is a cause for congratulations that the year just past has been of almost unprecedented prosperity in all that concerns the welfare of the Craft in our honored Commonwealth: a substantial increase in membership, the sound condition of the lodges, the pleasant and harmonious relations which exist between the Grand Lodge and the subordinate lodges, and the peace and good feeling which prevail throughout the brotherhood generally, all these are gratifying indeed, and the harbingers of promise and hope for the future.

As I have visited officially many lodges in various parts of the State, I have been impressed with the earnestness, the harmony and the generous aspirations which characterize the Freemasons of Massachusetts. Not only are the fundamental tenets of brotherly love, relief and truth inculcated and practised, but the influence of Masonic principles is everywhere manifest in genial courtesy and in conservative progress and growth.

The District Deputies were highly complimented:

I take this opportunity of expressing my deep sense of the obligations I am under to these faithful conservators of the Grand Lodge for their indulgence, zeal and ability and for the prompt and intelligent manner in which their labors and duties have been performed—labors involving great responsibilities, and upon the efficiency of which the successful administration of Masonic affairs of this Grand Lodge so much depends. Such constant zeal and active interest merit the praise of the Grand Lodge and its recognition of their services among the records of our proceedings.

The quarterly meetings of the Deputies and Grand Lecturers have been continued as heretofore; they have been well attended, as the records of the Grand Lodge will show, and exceedingly interesting and productive of much good. Many questions of Masonic law have been discussed and determined at these gatherings. It has been my privilege to attend each meeting, availing myself of these opportunities for presenting instructions and promoting the consideration of such subjects as might be introduced, to the end, that uniformity of purpose and concert of action might be preserved among the brethren of all the districts.

The reports of the Deputies give gratifying assurance that the year now closed has been an unusually prosperous one in the history of the fraternity in this jurisdiction. The lodges have very generally progressed towards a much stronger position, and I am sure that a flattering future awaits them.

At the grand feast after the installation of officers the usual toasts were duly honored and some excellent speeches made. Bro. Nickerson got off the following:

Most Worshipful Grand Master: Some of the ideas and the stories that have been given to us by Bro. Van Allen suggest to me a little story which I heard a short time ago, of a brother who felt that he was to undergo a serious and dangerous surgical operation. He went to the hospital to consult the proposed operator, and he said to him, "Would you object to the presence of my pastor during the operation?" The doctor looked puzzled for a moment, and then he said, "Oh, I see; you want to be opened with prayer." (Laughter.)

Lodges, 239; members, 48,415; increase, 1,700.

John A. Blake (Malden), G. M.

Sereno D. Nickerson (Boston), G. S.

MICHIGAN.

61st Communication, Detroit, May 23, 1905.

Fletcher E. Turrell, G. M.

His visits proved the Craft to be in good condition. The excellence of the work is evidence of the thorough and systematic instruction by the Grand Lecturer. Six new lodges were opened.

In the report of the Grand Lecturer we find the following:

During my school at Ann Arbor I was the guest of the Acacia Club, which, I am informed, is a college fraternity, the membership of which is confined to Master Masons. These members already possess a Chapter House at Ann Arbor, which is nicely furnished. They have a ritual for work, which is framed along Masonic lines, and they have extended many courtesies to Master Masons temporarily sojourning at Ann Arbor.

I understand that a number of chapters have already been formed at other colleges, and that more are in contemplation.

Akin to this, is the Sojourners' Club at Lansing. This is an informal association of Master Masons, away from their home lodges, temporarily sojourning at the Capitol, with officers and a short constitution. Their interest in Masonic work has prompted them to become still more proficient in the ritual, and they have, upon invitation, assisted in conferring degrees at different places near Lansing.

If not carried too far, such organizations cannot fail to be productive of great good. There is something in organization that stimulates enthusiasm, and where such organizations as these do not detract from the interest in lodge work proper, they are to be highly commended.

Their Masonic Home has 39 inmates, and the cost of maintenance was \$3.42 per week.

The Grand Secretary reviews our Proceedings for 1904. Lodges, 396; members, 51,871; increase, 2,506.

John Rowson (Grand Rapids), G. M.

Lou B. Winsor (Reed City), G. S.

MINNESOTA.

53rd Communication, St. Paul, January 17, 1906.

Henry M. Tusler, G. M.

He issued dispensations for five new lodges and made a number of official visits.

Resolutions were adopted for the establishment of a Masonic Home, but it is not to be built until at least \$100,000 is secured, of which \$50,000 must be reserved as a permanent endowment fund.

We can now breathe freely for another year:

Your Committee on Ancient Landmarks beg leave to report that nothing has been referred to them for consideration. They have made diligent search through the archives and find the Landmarks all safe.

On the subject of Masonic Homes, Bro. Irving has the following in his review of Montana:

It is the deliberate opinion of a majority of the Craft in this jurisdiction that our plan of dispensing Masonic relief is far preferable to a home, and as a matter of fact our Grand Lodge is doing more good with an average annual expenditure of about \$1,500 than could be accomplished in an institution with at least ten times that amount for maintenance alone, to say nothing of the cost of buildings and equipment. Masonic Homes are expensive luxuries, and cannot be sustained on mere sentiment.

Canada for 1905 has fraternal mention.

Lodges, 241; members, 21,056; increase, 765.

Thomas Morris (Crookston), G. M.

Thomas Montgomery (St. Paul), G. S.

MISSISSIPPI.

87th Communication, Jackson, February 23, 1905.

Thomas U. Sisson, G. M.

As an example of the eloquence of the address, we quote the following:

Thus hath man brought the curse upon himself for rejecting God's principle. 'Mid all the gloom and despair there was a quiet and silent force at work. It did not storm and rage and howl. No, it was a still, small voice. In the quiet of the country or the village, or in some sacred retreat of the city, worthy men were brought from darkness to light and

the divine doctrine instilled into them. Thus from age to age men have been taught the universal "Fatherhood of God and the universal brotherhood of man," when their oppressors were engaged in debauches and in revelries.

This doctrine is the Light of Masonry. Its flash was seen in the Grecian and Roman world. But the oppressors of mankind hastened to put it out. How zealously the hired armies of these oppressors and tyrants opposed, with pike, battle axe and spear, this Light, and afterwards how their musketry and cannon were kept loaded to the muzzle to shoot it out! O, how the tyrant hates this Light!—this truth! How often have they crushed it to the earth! It blazed forth and lighted up the skies of England when King John signed the Magna Charta. Then for a time it was crushed out, but its pent up forces exploded and broke the bands that had bound it so long. The explosion blew off King Charles' head and shook all the monarchies of continental Europe. John Milton seizing a torch, lighted it at this conflagration and struck fire to every tyrant's throne and the thunders of these explosions are still resounding around the world. This great Light shot its bright beam athwart the turbid Atlantic, and on our shores was out of reach of the King's musket and cannon; and setting fire to the material here, has created a blaze of light so bright that its reflection on sky and cloud and sea is sending its life-giving rays into the most darkened portions of the earth.

Brethren, how has this principle been nursed and cared for during all these centuries? Who has preserved it from death? What organization has always taught this doctrine? Brethren, but one in the world. Long before King John was compelled to sign Magna Charta; long before Milton hurled his thunderbolts at monarchy, and long before Thomas Jefferson penned the Immortal Declaration, every Mason had at our sacred altar been taught this great principle. No church, no school, no government and no people taught or adhered to this principle or believed in this doctrine. But God in His mysterious way, when all the people of the earth, including His chosen people, Israel, had forsaken Him and His way of government and had denied His universal Fatherhood, or dained this glorious fraternity which has throughout all ages proclaimed to all men one God and one common origin and therefore one universal brotherhood. It is tearing down all national religion, and the God of the Universe speaks to all mankind regardless of his nationality. He is no longer the God of Israel alone, nor that of Moab, nor that of Egypt, nor that of India, nor that of Japan, nor that of America. He is not domiciled in Palestine. The Jordan and the Ganges, the Tiber and the Euphrates hold water wherewith the devout may be baptized unto His service and redemption. This is the glorious truth proclaimed to the world by Masonry. For four thousand years she has proclaimed: "There is but one God, the Father of us all." Call Him Brahma of the Hindus, Ahura Mazda of the Zoroastrians, Buddha of the Buddhist, Jehovah of the Jews, Father in Heaven of the Christians, or what ever else you please, if through and by the name and the word, the heart and mind of man is directed to the Great Creator of the Universe, the one God and the

Father of us all, and by that particular name He is adored and worshipped; then he who thus worships, if he is otherwise qualified, can become a Mason.

In response to a circular of questions sent out by the Committee on the State of the Craft, a large number of replies were received, from which the committee deduce these conclusions:

Harmony is well nigh universal.

Attendance on lodge communications fairly good.

Membership increasing.

Financial condition good.

Proper care as to moral status and desirability of petitioners prevails to a great extent.

Proper precautions in admitting strangers and visiting brethren generally observed.

A preponderating desire to proceed with erection, equipment and location of Widows' and Orphans' Home on a small scale, at an early date.

A general willingness to bear an additional assessment for maintaining same.

A very small number of possible and probable applicants for admission to said Home.

A cry for "More light"; a yearning for proper knowledge of the secret work and lectures; a supplication for authentic intelligent teaching, oft repeated. These words are the burdens of many replies, and should appeal to your sympathies and invoke your earnest thought and action.

The Grand Lodge of Queensland was recognized.

The following was unanimously adopted:

Whereas the lesson taught a candidate as he stands for the first time before the altar of Freemasonry is that it is an institution founded on the purest principles of morality and virtue, and

Whereas, the practice of these principles is in many instances being ignored and set aside by the introduction of intoxicating drinks at Masonic banquets, to the detriment of individual members and an everlasting disgrace to the institution; therefore, be it

Resolved, That it is a pernicious and unmasonic practice, and should not be upheld or sanctioned by any Mason, and be it further resolved by this Grand Lodge that the use of intoxicants of all kinds should, and, by the authority of this Grand Lodge, is forbidden at all Masonic banquets, picnics, or other Masonic gatherings, and that these resolutions be and are hereby in effect from the date of their adoption, and that the Grand Secretary is instructed, at the earliest possible date, to notify each lodge in this jurisdiction.

88th Communication, Brookhaven, Feb. 20, 1906.

Thomas B. Franklin, G. M.

The death is announced of Bro. A. H. Barkley, P. G. M., and for 40 years a member of Grand Lodge. He

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short while ago, say that St. Louis was the brightest spot, Masonically, in the United States. I am not sure that St. Louis is any brighter than Kansas City—they are both bright spots in Masonry, but as I am more familiar with conditions here than there, I will speak of them.

For a few years past some of the most zealous Masons in St. Louis have been holding meetings in St. Louis, to which all Master Masons, particularly lodge officers, are invited and urged to come. They call themselves the Craftsmen's Club, they work under the supervision of the District Lecturer. Their meetings are largely attended, and if St. Louis is the brightest spot on the Masonic map, the Craftsmen's Club has a large share in the credit of making it so. But, tracing the credit through the various instrumentalities to its source, we come at last to the fountain head of instruction, to him whose soul and mind and body are devoted to the work, whom it is no exaggeration to call the "Grand Old Man," our Grand Lecturer, R. W. Bro. Allan McDowell. The great significance of his teaching is not in the mere form and ceremony, but in instruction in the meaning of it all—the understanding of the allegories. When the young men of to-day who are receiving his instructions shall have become old men, and their minds turn back, as the minds of old men will, to draw the comparison between the then and the now, and they will say with pride that in their young days they sat at the feet of this Gamaliel and learned their Masonry from him.

Porto Rico was recognized.

Bro. Rufus E. Anderson reports on Correspondence and gives several extracts from our Proceedings for 1904. We may remind him that the Grand Lodge of Canada pays no mileage or per diem to representatives.

Lodges, 574; members, 40,982; increase, 1,624.

A. S. Houston (Mexico), G. M.

John R. Parson (St. Louis), G. S.

MONTANA.

41st Communication, Butte, September 20, 1905.

Lew L. Callaway, G. M.

The proceedings were very brief. All the lodges made returns and paid their fees. There were no appeals or grievances. One new lodge was opened. "Residence" was defined to be the place where the applicant is actually domiciled and where he receives the privileges of citizenship.

In his review of Canada for 1904 the Grand Secretary says:

There is a roll of about 600 beneficiaries receiving sums from \$10 up to \$75. It is not likely that a majority of these would be inmates of a Home if they had one; but to support

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in this jurisdiction. The District Deputy is required to advise and enlighten, and if occasion requires, to criticise, reprimand, or even suspend an offending lodge.

Lodges, 235; members, 14,719; increase, 528.

Melville R. Hopewell (Tekamah), G. M.

Francis E. White (Omaha), G. S.

NEVADA.

41st Communication, Carson City, June 13, 1905.

George Gillson, G. M.

The opening paragraphs of the address of the Grand Master display a fund of eloquence and a true appreciation of the principles and beauties of the Masonic institution:

My feeble voice sounding across the rocky hills and sagebrush-clad plains of Nevada may find an echo on the banks of the sacred Ganges or in "far Cathay"; in Egypt's ancient pyramids and Persia's fire-crowned temples; in the frozen peaks of Iceland and Arabia's burning sands, as well as in every city and hamlet of Europe and our own broad land.

With an organization so vast in its scope as to both time and place, who can limit the influence of the achievements of our noble order. And who, my brothers, among us can fail to feel, in all its solemnity, the obligation resting upon us, as individuals, to further the work and to follow in our own lives the course mapped out for us in the grand scheme of Masonry.

When the haughty Roman dames were boasting of and exhibiting with ignoble rivalry, their costly adornments, the noble Cornelia said, pointing with a loftier pride to her children, "these are my jewels."

Her words have come to us "down the ringing grooves" of Time, and may not we repeat them as proudly, pointing to "the three jewels of Masonry," as our Manual calls them, "inculcating the practice of these truly commendable virtues"—Brotherly Love, Relief and Truth—these priceless gems of soul which far "outshine the wealth of Ormus and of Ind." and which glorify the wearer though clad in poorest garb, as no jewel of the mine could ever do.

Love—which includes and embraces all in its heavenly ministrations; Relief—which is Love's proof and materialization; Truth—rarest of virtue on this earth and the one most essential in the formation of a manly character.

When Hiram of Tyre laid the first stone in the grandest of all earth's temples, and, with the same stroke of the trowel, the foundation of Masonry, we, who have lived in an age which demonstrates the incalculable worth and endurance of the order of which we are proud to be members, may well be justified in saying, "He builded better than he knew."

For even the Temple of Solomon in all its glory could not have shone more dazzlingly before the astonished eyes of its

beholders than does the fair and mystic fabric of Masonry to the gaze of the world.

That material temple has been leveled with the dust, while Masonry still stands as it has stood for ages and will stand forever.

It has been said that "a good Mason is a good man," and the statement is logically incontrovertible.

The underlying principles of Masonry are the basis of all human goodness, nobility, chivalry toward woman, and honesty toward man.

Even the seemingly opposing virtues find in it exemplification.

Gentleness walks hand in hand with courage, mercy with justice, leniency toward other's faults and failings with unswerving personal rectitude, generous hospitality with temperance and self-control—every virtue without its accompanying vice.

The details show that the administration of the affairs of the Grand Lodge was in good hands, and we are glad to congratulate our old friend on his success and on the esteem in which he is held by his brethren.

The Grand Orient of Brazil was recognized, as was also the Grand Lodge of Benito Juarez, one of the numerous Grand Lodges of Mexico. The application of Queensland was deferred and that of Argentina was refused.

We are glad to copy the following from the excellent report of Bro. Edward D. Vanderlieth:

On the flag question we agree with Bro. Titcomb and have fully expressed our views along the same line. Bro. Barlow deems the display of the American flag in the lodge room perfectly proper, as among the first lessons taught in Masonry is that of loyalty to the government under which we live. Perfectly proper, of course. Equally as proper would be the display of the Ten Commandments, suitably framed, as a Mason is obliged by his tenure to obey the moral law, but why display either? Masonry's every lesson inculcates obedience to the government of the country in which we live. A true Mason must be a true patriot. Its every lesson also tends to make the brother who obeys a more virtuous man. Our English brethren define Masonry as "a science of morality." When it comes down to universality, which is Masonry's most prominent characteristic, the weight is in favor of the display of the decalogue of Moses. Neither is as universal as Masonry, and neither is universally fit for display, though both are perfectly proper. Yield not to the spirit of display. Masonry's lessons are forcible enough without display.

We differ with Bros. Titcomb and Barlow as to receiving the petitions of Roman Catholics. Bro. Titcomb's pen was dashing along the highroad of universality a few moments

ago. Why forsake it? If the candidate believes in God and is otherwise worthy and well qualified, he is eligible, say we. Bro. Titcomb fears a Roman Catholic may "switch off." So may the finest locomotive on the best laid track, but through trains keep running on the same old line. So with Masonry. She continues business along the same old lines. Like Tennyson's brook, "Men may come and men may go, but she goes on forever." When it comes to the switchers pouring her secrets into the ears of Papal Rome, why brother, you know as well as we do that what Papacy doesn't know about Masonry isn't worth knowing. Still Masonry lives. Let the Roman Catholics have the same right to come and go as all other worthy brothers. A bad Methodist Mason is no worse than a bad Roman Catholic Mason, and can do no more harm. Apply Byron's forcible definition of a woman: "A woman so she's good, what does it signify?" A Mason, so he's good, what does it signify? To Bro. Barlow, we beg to say, our experience has proven that Roman Catholics can be as good Masons as any one else. Let's not fight the Roman church because she fights us. That's not Masonry, and besides the Roman church can not harm Masonry. She is no more invincible than the Pope is infallible. History has proven it.

Canada for 1904 has a good notice.

Lodges, 22; members, 1,030; increase, 45.

Charles A. Beemer (Sparks), G. M.

Chauncey N. Noteware (Carson City), G. S.

NEW BRUNSWICK.

38th Communication, St. John, August 22, 1905.

Edwin J. Everett, G. M.

The past year was uneventful. Harmony prevails and the lodges are in a vigorous and healthy state. The Grand Master reports two new lodges.

The Committee on Ritual carefully went over all the ceremonies and found that there is uniformity of work in the jurisdiction, such differences as exist, and they are not numerous, being almost wholly in phraseology. Agreement was come to upon all the points of difference, and the committee entrusted to the memory of two of its members the exact wording in these cases, these brethren undertaking to visit the lodges and to explain where explanation is necessary.

The Grand Lodge of Queensland was recognized. The report on this subject is by M. W. Bro. John V. Ellis, one of the most able and best informed Masons to be found anywhere. We copy the conclusion of his report, which sustains our position that there is no rule re-

quiring a majority of the lodges to form a new Grand Lodge:

There are remonstrances from the Grand Lodges of Scotland and of England against recognizing this Grand Lodge, but this Grand Lodge was itself formed upon the theory that the lodges in an independent political jurisdiction had a perfect right to form a Grand Lodge. On that principle the Grand Lodge of Queensland was formed and has been recognized by many Grand Lodges. Queensland is certainly entitled to have a Grand Lodge of its own, and while it is not established by a majority of the lodges in the State, there were nearly forty lodges concerned in its formation. Your committee are of the opinion that it should be recognized as an independent Masonic authority for the aforesaid State and fraternal relations entered into with it.

Lodges, 35; members, 2,200; increase, 55.

Edwin J. Everett (St. John), G. M.

J. Twining Hartt (St. John), G. S.

NEW HAMPSHIRE.

116th Communication, Concord, May 17, 1905.

The Grand Master, Bro. Henry I. Hazelton, was absent through illness and his address was read by the Deputy. Representatives were exchanged with Western Australia, Costa Rica and New South Wales.

A committee was appointed to prepare a digest of the decisions of the Grand Lodge.

We are glad to notice that perpetual jurisdiction over rejected candidates will be abolished in this jurisdiction. The Committee on Jurisprudence, whose report was adopted, say in conclusion:

The situation is such that the principle of perpetual jurisdiction, which was a wise thing and worked good results in the earlier days of the craft, and exercised a salutary influence over its management, at the present time owing to the change of situation, increase in numbers, and broadened purposes for which Masonry is recognized and stands, it seems wise that we should adopt a rule that conforms as nearly as practicable to that established in the majority of the states, and which the craft generally assents to as wise and proper.

In view of these considerations the committee would recommend that the Grand Lodge so amend its rules and regulations as to establish the five year limit to jurisdiction over rejected material.

The committee recommend that an amendment to the grand constitution be filed for consideration at the proper time, providing for the proposed change of the law.

The same committee reported on life membership in part as follows:

There is quite a distinction between the principle upon which life membership is sustained, and that by which a lodge is authorized to remit the payment of annual dues. It being the duty of the members to pay their annual dues, there is no consideration derived from such payment whereby the lodge is under any obligations or has any authority to exempt them from their payment or make any distinction in the matter of relationship to the lodge by reason thereof.

An assessment is the levy of a tax upon the members of a lodge for some extraordinary purpose. It has no relation to the annual dues and is not governed by any by-law concerning them. It is lawful upon the ground that the lodge has authority to maintain its existence and discharge the duties of Masonry and require an equal payment from all its members.

It is our opinion that the creating of life membership and the exemption of members from payment of annual dues by reason of having paid for a term of years, such dues, until the aggregate amount shall equal forty dollars, as in this case, is entirely without consideration and is unwarranted, either in moral ethics or Masonic law.

Such a by-law is unconscionable and creates an inequality between the different members of the lodge.

The principle at the bottom of all taxation and all requirements concerning the payment of money as such, either to societies or municipalities, is the same—it is that in all respects there should be an equality in the burdens as well as in rights and privileges.

It is in our opinion that the lodge has authority to make an assessment upon all its members, both those who are within and without this classification of "life membership" alike, and it is their duty to pay the same.

In future the names of candidates are not to be printed in the notices of meetings.

Bro. A. S. Wait again reports on Correspondence and reviews our Proceedings for 1904.

Lodges, 79; members, 9,565; decrease, 7.

Ira A. Chase (Bristol), G. M.

Frank D. Woodbury (Concord), G. S.

NEW JERSEY.

118th Communication, Trenton, March 22, 1905.

John H. Wilkins, G. M.

The Grand Master made over 100 visitations. On the work of the District Grand Lodges he says:

The usual number of District Grand Lodges have been held during the year. From the reports I have received, and by personal observation, I am convinced that the Craft has a

thorough knowledge of the Ritual, and the zeal which the officers display in seeking to be as near perfect as possible, is very gratifying to the Grand Master and reflects great credit upon the Grand Lodge and District Deputies. This has not been the work of one or two years, but is the result of patient, laborious and painstaking efforts on their part. To properly attend to their duties they must devote a great deal of their time, energy and thought. They are the representatives of the Grand Master in their respective districts, and it is to them that the Grand Master looks to be kept informed of the condition of affairs and of the welfare of the Craft. I desire to follow the example of my predecessors, and extend to them my warmest thanks and approbation for their loyalty and assistance during the year.

Their Masonic Home is doing good work. There are 64 inmates, and the per capita cost of maintenance was \$271.04 for the year. The farm was a decided success, producing \$2,000 worth of farm products, showing a profit of \$633.89. The new Orphanage has been completed, a substantial building for the little ones, and handsomely furnished.

Bro. W. Holt Apgar has an excellent report on Correspondence. Canada for 1904 has a good notice. On the Grand Master question he has the following remarks:

Now, as to the office of Grand Master. All ancient Masonic manuscripts, beginning with Halliwell in 1390, speak of a General Assembly of Masons as an existing institution convened annually. Who called this assembly? Who presided over it? The title of the office is of little consequence. The fact that there was such an officer confirms the conclusion reached by our committee. In the ancient charges compiled in 1717, from all available sources, the office of Grand Master is three times referred to, but never as the Grand Master of the Grand Lodge. He is there stated to be "The Grand Master of all the Lodges." If speculative Masonry had its origin in 1717, at the formation of the Grand Lodge of England; if, in other words, it was a creation and not a development, then the position of our brothers in Wyoming and Illinois would undoubtedly be correct. But speculative Masonry was a development—a plant of gradual growth from the old guild of Masons existing in England for countless ages, and imported into that country from France and Rome. That this was so is conclusively proved by the fact that the Grand Lodge of England was formed by lodges then in existence. From whence did they derive their authority? How and by what authority were they created? They antedated the Grand Lodge by many years. Was their creation spontaneous, or did they owe their existence to an authorized Masonic authority? That the latter is the true solution of the question is proved conclusively by this extract from the ancient charges in which the ruler of the Craft is spoken of, not

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as the Grand Master of the Grand Lodge, but as the Grand Master of all the Lodges.

Lodges, 177; members, 23,487; increase, 1,386.

Benjamin F. Wakefield (Passaic), G. M.

Thomas H. R. Redway (Trenton), G. S.

NEW SOUTH WALES.

Proceedings from June, 1904, to June, 1905.

Four quarterly and two special meetings.

John C. Remington, G. M.

At a special installation meeting on July 18, 1904, there were nearly 3,500 brethren, including a number of distinguished visitors from the neighboring States. The Governor-General, Admiral Sir Harry Rawson, K.C.B., who is a Past Grand Warden of England, was present, and also the Grand Master and other Grand Officers from Queensland. In the response of the Governor-General we find the following:

All along the line, wherever we look, it does not matter whether it is at the number of lodges, the number of Masons, the number of new certificates issued, or in the financial and charitable work of the Craft, everywhere we find the same impulse given to Freemasonry by our Grand Master. (Applause.) Since we were here last year I have travelled a good deal through the State, and I have visited a few of your lodges and have been delighted with the excellent manner in which their working is carried out. (Applause.) The Grand Master has made a few remarks, which are very complimentary to me, with reference to the possibility of my being elected to the office of Grand Master, but I hope to see its present occupant continue in the chair, for I feel that you have in him one who can do such good work for the Craft as to make Freemasonry a living force in New South Wales, while I certainly should not have the time to attend to the duties as I should think it necessary to do if I held such an exalted position.

The lodges presented to the Grand Master, on his sixth re-election, his portrait in oils, specially painted for the occasion, and a diamond pendant to Mrs. Remington.

September 14, 1904.

The following was adopted:

That this Grand Lodge do grant its fraternal recognition to the Grand Lodge of Queensland, formed on the 25th April, 1904, as a sister Grand Lodge, and that the hearty congratulations of this Grand Lodge be conveyed to R. W. Bro. George Samuel Hutton upon his election as Grand Master of Queensland.

June 13, 1905.

The Grand Master says:

I had the pleasure last month of a visit, all too brief, from M. W. Bro. Richard T. Walkem, K. C., a Past Grand Master of Canada. He was only a few days in Sydney, but was fortunately able to accompany me to the installation meeting at Petersham, of Lodge Prince Alfred, No. 94. He was highly pleased with the work, and was good enough to say that he would carry back with him to his own Grand Lodge pleasant recollections of the prosperous and happy state of Freemasonry in New South Wales.

Permission was given to a lodge to wear a jubilee jewel in commemoration of their working for over fifty years. The fee for the permit was fixed at five guineas.

The Grand Inspector of Workings in his report says:

A change in established rule, custom and practice is creeping in in some of the lodges in respect to the position of the Ashlars. For all time in New South Wales they have been placed on either side of the Tracing Board, and to me that is the correct position for them. Although precedent for such an opinion cannot be found, yet the highest authorities agree on the point that they should be on the floor of the lodge, from the fact that our ritual lays it down that they are the material for the brethren to work and practise upon. In two lodges I have observed them on the dais, and I trust that such an innovation will be discontinued and that they be placed according to our established custom in their regularly recognized positions.

Bro. Arthur J. Scott reports on Correspondence and reviews Canada for 1904.

The progress of the Craft is thus shown:

The total number of lodges in active work is 201, an increase of three during the year.

Subscribing members number 10,510, an increase of 466 since our last annual report.

Grand Lodge Fund increased by £339 to £3,585.

Benevolent Fund increased by £770 to £10,764.

Freemasons' Orphan Society, increased by £809 to £26,229.

Freemasons' Benevolent Institution, increased by £450 to £8,419.

The territory is divided into metropolitan and 23 country districts, under inspectors, whose quarterly reports will be found embodied in these proceedings.

Sir Harry Rawson (Sydney), G. M.

Arthur H. Bray (Sydney), G. S.

NEW ZEALAND.

Annual Communication, Palmerston, May 10, 1905.

Alfred H. Burton, G. M.

They are in the happy position of being able to discourage the increase of lodges, regarding quality rather than numbers. The Grand Master spent over six weeks in visiting, and he reports a healthy condition throughout almost all the lodges.

The matter of circular appeals for assistance is causing some trouble. Of late years there has been a greater number of these appeals promoted by the 50 lodges remaining under their old constitutions than by the 140 under Grand Lodge. The President of the Board says:

For 15 years Grand Lodge has, without let or hindrance, suffered her lodges to be flooded with appeals from those who prefer remaining under the old constitutions. Surely if there is a reason for the 39 lodges of the English Constitution, the 5 lodges of the Irish Constitution, and the 11 lodges of the Scottish Constitution remaining under their several home governments, they should at least face the responsibility of providing for those of their members who may require assistance.

After some discussion, the following was adopted:

That it be an instruction to the Boards of Benevolence and General Purposes to submit to the next Annual Communication of Grand Lodge a definite proposal confining the issue of circular appeals to the lodges under the jurisdiction of Grand Lodge.

The Board had no hesitation in recommending the recognition of the Grand Lodge of Queensland, and the motion was unanimously adopted.

The Grand Lodge of Scotland recognized the Grand Lodge of New Zealand in 1899. Afterwards they said they did not mean it, and they now submit what they call Articles of Recognition, which contain conditions impossible for New Zealand to accept, as they would involve perpetual co-ordination of authority in the territory. One of these conditions is that the Grand Lodge of Scotland might at any time revive any of their dormant lodges, and another was that if any lodge was desirous of working under the Grand Lodge of Scotland it could obtain a charter from that Grand Lodge. Then they wind up with the following extraordinary threat:

In the event of the Grand Lodge of New Zealand, or its subordinate lodges or members, refusing or failing to comply

with the foregoing conditions within twelve months from the last date hereof, the Grand Lodge of Scotland shall hold that the Grand Lodge of New Zealand is no longer desirous of fraternal relations with the Grand Lodge of Scotland, and the latter shall be entitled to continue to exercise its sovereign jurisdiction in the said colony as heretofore, irrespective of the existence of the Grand Lodge of New Zealand, and as if the same had no existence.

The correspondence is voluminous and we can only give the conclusion of the last reply of New Zealand:

There has been no misapprehension upon our part concerning the terms of your letter of 2nd March, 1899, and no justification whatever exists for your Grand Lodge attempting or threatening to revoke its deliberate and voluntary act, nor can we for one moment believe that your Grand Lodge would seriously entertain such an idea. The misunderstanding has been on your part, and the need for written Articles of Agreement has arisen from the unwarrantable action of your Provincial Grand Master in the North Island in establishing a new lodge in this territory after recognition had been accorded to us, and your Grand Lodge's having upheld him in what is clearly an invasion of our sovereign rights.

The Articles submitted by you are out of the question, for the reason set forth in our letter of 17th November, and we trust you will accept those of the Grand Lodges of England and Ireland, thus securing uniformity of conditions and lessening the chance of misunderstanding in future.

A valuable gift was received from Bro. F. J. Browne, of Dawson City, consisting of three gavels made from the ivory tusks of an extinct mastodon, with stands to match, all heavily mounted with pure gold taken out of Bro. Browne's mine in the Klondike.

Five new lodges are reported, two of them formerly under the Grand Lodge of Scotland.

Lodges, 135; members, 7,221; increase, 590.

Alfred H. Burton, G. M.

Malcolm Niccol (Dunedin), G. S.

NORTH CAROLINA.

119th Communication, Raleigh, January 9, 1906.

W. S. Liddell, G. M.

The year has been one of unprecedented growth, the Grand Lecturers have had all the work they could do, and harmony pervades the entire jurisdiction. The Oxford Orphan Asylum remains their brightest jewel and the pride of North Carolina Masons. Eleven new lodges were established and three dormant lodges revived.

The District Deputy system was adopted.

Cuba, Costa Rica and Queensland were recognized.

Bro. John A. Collins reports on Correspondence. Extracts from our Proceedings of 1905 are given with complimentary remarks. From the review of Montana we quote his remarks on Masonic Homes:

In the political division known as North Carolina there are very few rich men, as that term is understood to-day, and not many very poor—none so poor as to go hungry. Some of our lodges contribute to the relief of needy brethren and their families, and when the lodge is unable to assume the whole expense, sister lodges are asked to help, and they generally respond cheerfully. This local help of the lodges, and the habit of our people to be self-reliant and to shrink from receiving alms, are the factors that have contributed in keeping the "indigent worthy brother" out of sight in North Carolina. But with the changed conditions following the erection of a Home the majority of these unseen dependents would come out of the woods and present themselves for admission, obviously because lodges and individual Masons would willingly transfer the care of these to Grand Lodge. The Homes for old men and women have ever impressed us with the belief that they are too costly to the benefactors and unsatisfactory to the beneficiaries. We firmly believe that the money expended in pay of officers and attendants, in maintenance and repairs and betterments, insurance and other expenses would bring better results if judiciously disbursed to these old people at their homes. But we have no quarrel with those who believe in the institutional system and have only feeling of admiration and respect for the goodness of heart and zeal which keep Bro. Hedges in front of the line. To use a local phrase, we are "set in our ways" on this subject and can see no better way.

Lodges, 338; members, 15,528; increase, 950.

F. D. Winston (Windsor), G. M.

John C. Drewry (Raleigh), G. S.

NORTH DAKOTA.

16th Communication, Grand Forks, June 27, 1905.

James W. Foley, G. M.

The Grand Master reports two new lodges. Harmony prevails and most of the lodges are doing well.

The Grand Lecturer held 66 Schools of Instruction, in all the chartered lodges except seven.

Porto Rico and Queensland were recognized.

The following resolution was adopted:

Be it resolved, That the functions of Grand Lecturer include those of a Grand Auditor, whose duties shall consist in examining the records of particular lodges, and instructing them in a uniform system of keeping their minutes, accounts,

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The following was adopted:

That each member of every subordinate lodge in the jurisdiction shall contribute yearly the sum of twenty-five cents towards the support of aged and indigent Freemasons in some suitable Masonic institution, in addition to his regular dues to his lodge, and that each lodge shall collect and send with its annual returns to Grand Lodge such additional amount, not less than twenty-five cents per capita of its full membership.

The Grand Secretary reports on Correspondence and reviews Canada for 1904.

Lodges, 66; members, 4,417; increase, 246.

Charles R. Smith (Amherst), G. M.

Thomas Mowbray (Halifax), G. S.

OHIO.

96th Communication, Cincinnati, October 18, 1905.

Clifford G. Ballou, G. M.

Before the address of the Grand Master was delivered a pleasant episode took place. Bro. W. M. Cunningham, P. G. M., was addressed in complimentary terms and congratulated on his having completed 50 years of service in the Grand Lodge. Reference was made to his many and important services, especially those of Foreign Correspondent for the past 20 years. A gold medal, specially struck in his honor, was presented to him with many tokens of esteem and appreciation by the brethren.

The Grand Master reports a prosperous year. Every lodge in the State was inspected by the District Lecturers. The Grand Master believes it is dangerous to organize weak lodges. He would not open Grand Lodge unless "Old Glory" was conspicuously displayed. He visited extensively, meeting and addressing 9,162 Masons.

By-laws providing for life membership were disapproved.

A committee was appointed on the celebration of their centenary in 1908.

The following resolutions were adopted.

Resolved, That the explanation of the Council of Swiss Grand Lodge Alpina and its disavowal of any intent to harbor or recognize irregular or clandestine Masons is, in our estimation, ample.

Resolved, That we are in sympathy with the Swiss Grand Lodge Alpina in its efforts towards an intelligent understanding and exchange of Masonic information and the promotion

of truly Masonic ideals, and that we heartily congratulate it upon the work it has already accomplished in this direction.

Bro. W. M. Cunningham presented his 24th report on Correspondence, and we can see no abatement of his great mental ability. His report is full of information and intensely interesting. In his introduction we find the following:

In a recent communication of Bro. Hughan, to the *Masonic Voice and Review*, he says "Operative lodges received and adopted Speculative Neophytes from the fifteenth century (and by tradition centuries before then), minutes of such receptions existing from the year 1600. The Lodge of Edinburgh, No. 1, Scotland, the oldest in the world, possesses a series of records of its meetings from 1599 down to the present year of grace, thus overlapping the 'revival' and grand lodge eras.

"There are many lodges which have preserved their minutes for two hundred and fifty years or more. Precisely when lodges for speculative objects were established is not quite clear. In England we meet with one under the wing of the 'Masons' Company,' of London, from 1620-21. Its grant of arms dates from 1472, and is ours, in part, by adoption. It was this lodge that was visited in 1682 by Elias Ashmole, who was admitted as a member of the Speculative lodge held at Warrington in 1646, as described in his famous dairy—a class lodge really, and one of the earliest known.

"After a long and close study of the history of the Fraternity, I have no hesitation in declaring that I consider the continuity of the society for at least five hundred years can be, and has been, clearly proved by actual documents, that by tradition it is more ancient, and that its nature and principles are such that so long as brethren practice what they are taught in our lodges Freemasonry is one of the oldest, most beneficent, loyal, patriotic and fraternal institutions in the universe."

Probably the oldest Masonic medal extant is that struck in commemoration of the foundation of a lodge in Florence by Lord Charles Sackville, Duke of Middlesex, in the year 1733. He was the great-grandson of Thomas Sackville, who in 1561 was Grand Master of the Masons acknowledging the jurisdiction of the Grand Lodge of York.

There are two specimens of the Sackville medal in the British Museum, and two in the collection attached to Bodley's Library at Oxford. Both the examples in the British Museum are in silver; one of those at Oxford is in gold and the other in silver.

A fifth example is in the renowned collection of W. Bro. George W. Bain, of Sunderland.

A sixth specimen is in the collection of the Lodge Archimedes, in Altenburg. These six are all that are known to be in existence.

There can be no doubt of the sincerity of Charles Sackville's liking for Florence and its society, judging by the prolongation of his stay there. He left himself barely time

enough to stop a few days in Paris on his hurried return journey to England, or, rather, to Ireland. Leaving Florence in June, in time to accompany his father, "with a very great retinue," to Ireland.

The Earl of Middlesex had not been in Dublin many weeks before we find him attending a "Grand Meeting" of Free Masons, in very good company, viz. :

"1733. Dublin, Saturday, Nov. 24.—On Thursday last, being the 22nd Inst. there was a Grand Meeting of the Right Worshipful Society of Free Masons at the Hoop Tavern on Cork Hill, where was present the Rt. Worshipful the Lord Viscount Kingsland, Grand Master; the Lord Viscount Tyrone, Deputy Grand Master; the Right. Hon. the Lord Kingston the Earl of Middlesex, the Lord Viscount Mountjoy, Sir Seymour Pyle, Bart., etc."

Canada for 1904 receives fraternal mention.

In his review of Connecticut he says:

Whilst being in accord with our M. W. Brother upon so many Masonic matters, yet we do not concur in his views as noted under Washington, viz., that the ceremonies of the Third degree teach "the resurrection of the body" (i. e., the natural body). On the contrary, the raising noted is of the spiritual "unto life," and for a reburial only of the natural body, hence the misapplication. That the immortality of the soul is taught in every degree of lesson of Freemasonry is doubtless true, and that as St. Paul says (I Cor. xv, 44), "It is sown a natural body; it is raised a spiritual body. There is a natural body and there is a spiritual body," is also a self-evident truth.

The words of the ritual even would seem to not justify this comparatively modern signification. Ancient Symbology would indicate that, as in the corresponding mysteries of antiquity, by the ceremonies referred to, reference is doubtless had to "Lost Truth." That with mankind darkness prevailed, the murderous assaults of ignorance, fanaticism, and crime having caused the "burial" of "Goodness and Truth" in the obscure grave of doubt, desolation and despair; after its search, when found, the subjugation of the spirit of evil by divine love and wisdom, their separation from the putridity of their environments and the restoration and elevation of "Goodness and Truth" to spiritual power and control, followed by the subsequent burial of the evil and false, symbolized by the decaying body so long deprived of life, would, in the opinion of the writer, be a more satisfactory explanation of this beautiful symbolism and its solemnity be the more enhanced because divested of errors fully indicated in the esoteric lesson.

And under "Idaho" :

More than half a century's observation is a confirmation of the opinion that those brethren who are the most loyal, earnest workers in Freemasonry are largely among those who are not satisfied to remain in ignorance of its literature or

other degrees or to confine their Masonic knowledge to the narrow limits of merely the literal ritual of the degrees of Entered Apprentice, Fellow Craft and Master Mason.

The intelligent Masonic student is the one who knows that the Masonry of those degrees dominates or ranks all other grades, and it is only the narrow-minded, non-reading Mason who, upon the one hand, is satisfied to be called a Mason without any effort upon his part to know more of its teachings and its mysteries, or the seeker after notoriety and display, upon the other hand, who imagines that tinsel and high sounding names confer rank upon him above his fellows; neither of which classes are of much use to the fraternity.

Lodges, 505; members, 61,636; increase, 3,393.

Lewis P. Schaus (Newark), G. M.

J. H. Bromwell (Cincinnati), G. S.

OKLAHOMA.

14th Communication, Guthrie, February 13, 1906.

George H. Phillips, G. M.

The address is full of details of official work. We extract a few samples and decisions:

Mrs. Alice D. Montfort, of Chandler, sent out a chain letter asking aid for an Odd-Fellows' Orphan's Home.

Some enthusiast, in making his or her three copies of the letter, changed the I. O. O. F. to A. F. & A. M. and the trouble began. Letters of inquiry began coming from different parts of the United States, and were so frequent that I directed our Grand Secretary to issue an explanatory circular to every Grand Jurisdiction in the United States denying any Masonic connection with the letter.

On August 21, I directed the Grand Secretary to post R. F. Clark, of Scottsville Lodge, Scottsville, Ill., who was suspended by them for one year for gross unmasonic conduct, as a fraud and imposter. I did this on complaint of some of our brothers who had been imposed on by him.

September 25th I posted W. D. McKitchen as an imposter.

On January 8th, 1906, I wrote to the Master of Beaver Lodge, No. 128, to have charges preferred against John Malone and expel him from our Order. This was done because in 1896 Malone visited Ponsa City Lodge, Washashe Lodge at Pawhuska, and Pawnee Lodge, when he was not a Mason, for which our Grand Lodge had ordered him posted as an imposter.

There has been trouble in several of our lodges, but in every case but one peace and harmony have prevailed, being induced by that spirit of brotherly love and charity which should ever characterize us.

Nardin Lodge had a lodge trial which was presided over by R. W. G. S. W., F. D. Sparks, who settled the whole trouble with both sides satisfied and peace prevailing.

I received a letter from a brother member of Waukomis Lodge containing statements that caused me to send Bro. M. A. Kelso, of Enid Lodge, down to investigate, which he did and sent me the affidavits of several of the brothers with the suggestion that I go personally. I accordingly made my arrangements to go, but was unavoidably prevented, and at the last hour prevailed on Bro. L. N. Bushorr, P. M. of Pawnee Lodge No. 17, to go in my stead.

In his report to me he stated that his investigation ended in a love feast, the trouble was gone over and all of the charges and counter charges were withdrawn.

I went to Oklahoma City and adjusted some misunderstanding between the brothers of that jurisdiction.

Will the fact established by evidence of such a continuous series of business dealings in the character of buying and not paying for goods from everybody who can be induced to sell him warrant and support a charge of fraudulent treatment of the transaction?

Answer: Yes, but leaving out the fraudulent intent such actions tend to bring "the good name of Masonry into reproach." I think your lodge should take cognizance.

H. T. King, Master of Agra Lodge, asks if they can confer degrees on a man who is under indictment.

Answer: Yes, but it is not expedient, wait for the law's action.

Question by R. J. Woodman, Secretary Lambert, U. D.: We rent from I. O. O. F. They are going to move the lodge building to new townsite, three-fourths of a mile away, and may move it before our lodge meets. What shall we do?

Answer: Follow Masonic Law, and if building is moved before you can take proper action you have done your duty. Moving the lodge is hereby approved.

Question by Good Will Lodge, No. 129, Cushing, O. T.: A brother is ready for his third degree, when he is arrested, charged with assault and battery. Shall we confer the degree or wait?

Answer: From your statement of facts I see no reason why the brother should not take the third degree.

Texmo Lodge wants to move their lodge room 1,100 feet, and wants to know if they must follow the law as given in article 8, section 12.

Answer: Yes, unless the new site is within the present city limits. If so, you do not need my permission.

Fifteen new lodges were opened:

The Grand Lecturer visited and instructed 72 lodges, and he reports very considerable progress.

At the evening session an hour was spent in the discussion of Masonic jurisprudence, the brethren propounding interrogatories and the Grand Master answering them with the assistance of the Past Grand Masters.

Resolutions were adopted to further the establishment of a Masonic Home.

An amendment to the Constitution seems to indicate that in future Past Masters will not be members of Grand Lodge.

In his review of Canada for 1905 the Grand Secretary says:

The reports of the District Deputy Grand Masters show a most perfect system of supervision that we find in no other Grand Lodge, giving as it does the membership and work of each lodge, the amount expended for relief and insurance, the average attendance, financial standing and various other matters of interest which makes these reports very complete.

A notable feature of this Journal is the historical address delivered by M. W. Bro. J. Ross Robertson. Too lengthy to reproduce and quotations would spoil it.

Lodges, 141; members, 6,777; increase, 837.

Fred D. Sparks (Ponca City), G. M.

James S. Hunt (Guthrie), G. S.

OREGON.

55th Communication, Portland, June 14, 1905.

Thomas Gray, G. M.

He reports but one decision:

The only response which might possibly be classed as a decision was one in reply to the question as to whether a Mason who is a member of a lodge in New York and engaged in keeping a saloon in Oregon, would, if he should die, be entitled to a Masonic funeral.

To this my reply was as follows: "That Masonic burial should be denied any Master Mason holding membership in any other jurisdiction, who at the time of his death was engaged in an occupation prohibited to Masons by our penal code; notwithstanding the restriction does not exist in the Grand Lodge from which he hails."

This ruling was approved, and we presume it is in accord with their law, but hardly with the comity that should prevail among Grand Lodges. New Yorkers should be careful not to die in Oregon.

Perpetual jurisdiction over rejected candidates was very properly abolished. A Constitutional amendment was adopted fixing the period at five years from the date of rejection.

Bro. J. M. Hodson reports on Correspondence and reviews Canada for 1904. We may remind him that our Grand Lodge pays no mileage or per diem, so that it is not surprising that all our lodges are not represented in Grand Lodge.

In his notice of Delaware he has the following on non-affiliates:

The best medicine we know of is for the faithful to strive to live up to our obligations, and make the lodge such an interesting home that the otherwise careless can not afford to forego its pleasures. For the slothful brother who will neither attend lodge nor pay dues we have but little use, and less sympathy; the sooner he is off the list the better for the Fraternity. It was a mistake to ever initiate him. It requires a peculiar class of mind and heart to make a really useful and worthy Mason, and where these qualities are absent all the dues you can ever collect will never pay for your trouble.

We also quote as follows:

Every true Mason realizes two sides to the body of Masonry. One, the secular, which is devoted to fraternity, business and the social virtues; all well enough—in fact, good, and greatly to be coveted and guarded, in their proper places. Another, the religious, which takes the candidate in a state of nature, in darkness, and step by step unfolds to him, by thorough explanation of ritualistic teachings, and by symbols conveys to his mind the most perfect system of religious philosophy ever taught to man, and which, if comprehended and obeyed, brings him into perfect light. Demonstrating the Fatherhood of God and establishing the Brotherhood of Man. And while vigorously supporting secular Masonry, we hold it as the most sacred duty of every teacher and writer to be ever ready to impress the deeper and more valuable principles which, if understood and worked out in life, truly fits for the Temple not made with hands, eternal in the Heavens.

Lodges, 107; members, 7,322; increase, 342.

W. H. Flanagan (Grant's Pass), G. M.

James F. Robinson (Eugene), G. S.

PENNSYLVANIA.

During the year 1905, 24,897 persons visited the library, an increase of 2,476 over the previous year. We copy part of the report of the Library Committee:

The R. W. Deputy Grand Master, Bro. George W. Kendrick, Jr., has deposited in the library his Masonic jewels, numbering 23 pieces of gold and silver and ornamented with precious stones, which will be properly framed, and will make an interesting and valuable addition to the large collection of Masonic jewels, numbering 217 pieces, now the property of Grand Lodge. When Bro. Kendrick becomes R. W. Grand Master he will have occupied all the highest positions in the Grand Bodies of this jurisdiction.

From Bro. W. A. MacCalla and Mrs. M. MacCalla Foster,

son and daughter of Past Grand Master Bro. Clifford P. MacCalla, his Masonic jewels and the books on Freemasonry from his library.

From Bro. Jacob W. Jackson, one of the oldest Past Masters of Franklin Lodge, No. 134, a finely hand painted and embroidered apron dated 1813.

Lodge No. 51 has deposited a punk boat from China and used at their Table Lodge for the past sixty years, two blue china pitchers purchased in 1793, two decorated and gilt china pitchers purchased in 1813, and 13 pieces of china and glass from the set of china purchased by the lodge in London in 1809.

From the committee on the sesqui-centennial anniversary of the initiation of Bro. George Washington, a fine walnut case, containing the souvenir medals and plates and seven volumes bound in half-morocco, with all the invitations, programs, menus, newspaper clippings, cards of admission, and letters connected with that event.

In addition to the above your committee has secured by purchase the following :

The Sentimental and Masonic Magazine, Volumes 1 to 5, Dublin, 1792-1794. Bro. W. J. Chetwoode Crawley, R. W. Grand Treasurer of the Grand Lodge of Ireland, in writing to the librarian and congratulating the Grand Lodge on obtaining these volumes further says, "the Sentimental and Masonic Magazine is one of the rarest sets in Masonic literature."

A complete set of the proceedings of the Grand Lodge of England from 1770 to date.

Almost complete sets of The Freemason and of The Freemason's Chronicle, both published in England.

Through gifts and purchase the china Masonic pitchers, plates, etc., now number 127 pieces, and the medals and mark pennies now number nearly 900 pieces.

The sum of \$500 was appropriated to the fund for the relief of the oppressed and helpless Jews in Russia.

At the Annual Communication at Philadelphia on December 27, 1905, the Grand Lodge of Queensland was recognized and the application of Porto Rico was refused.

From the address of the Grand Master we make the following extracts :

With no inducements to offer and no solicitations to any, our Craft grows with great rapidity ; our lodges increase in membership from the wisest, most prominent and best men of our Commonwealth. They grow in material prosperity and are yearly dispensing more charity and help to the desolate orphans and widows and our unfortunate brethren.

There is now, I believe, absolute uniformity in the authorized work throughout the jurisdiction, and the ancient tenets and landmarks were never more strictly adhered to than at this present time. Much praise and thanks are due to the

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District Deputy Grand Masters for their efficient efforts to promote this uniformity and maintain our ancient standards, and I sincerely thank them one and all. * * *

Newspaper accounts of meetings of Masonic lodges, elections and proceedings, are not only not permitted, but are prohibited. * * *

Declined to approve of a petition for a Warrant of a lodge in which the English language would not be spoken. * * *

It has been long established, in this jurisdiction, that a citizen thereof may petition any lodge he sees fit, but if he does petition a lodge other than the one nearest his place of residence, inquiry must be made of the lodge nearest his place of residence and a favorable reply received to said inquiry before action can be taken.

They have 12 lodges without names, five of them being in Philadelphia.

Bro. James M. Lamberton again reports on Correspondence, and in his review of our Proceedings he has the following:

Most Worshipful Past Grand Master Bro. J. Ross Robertson delivered a historical address of more than usual interest, treating of the origin of Masonry, its development in England, and then in the colonies. We have time only to notice one slip, namely, that Henry Price was appointed Grand Master of North America by "the original Grand Lodge of England," Bro. Robertson saying:

"The Craft work of America was introduced into Massachusetts in 1733, when Henry Price was appointed Grand Master of North America by the original Grand Lodge of England. It had, however, been in operation in Pennsylvania slightly earlier, but from what source such knowledge was obtained has so far eluded discovery."

We may best quote here what Bro. Robert Freke Gould, the foremost Masonic historical scholar, says, after a careful discussion of the subject, at page 248 of Vol. iv. of his "History of Freemasonry" (edition copyrighted in 1889 by John C. Yorston & Company):

"I am inclined to regard the claim advanced by Price to have had his authority extended over all America by Lord Crawford in 1734, as an hallucination arising out of circumstances which are only dimly shadowed in Franklin's letter of that year."

Lodges, 456; members, 75,277; increase, 4,028.

George W. Kendrick, Jr. (Philadelphia), G. M.

William A. Sinn (Philadelphia), G. S.

PRINCE EDWARD ISLAND.

30th Communication, Souris, June 26, 1905.

Benjamin Rogers, G. M.

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We freely admit that a perusal of the proceedings tends to the conviction that the Grand Lodge Alpina was and is perfectly sincere in its desire to do good and fervently believes that it is working in the interests of genuine Freemasonry. We also believe that it is deceiving itself. There is no need at all for the "unification" of Freemasonry as it understands it. It has grouped together some twenty Grand Orients and Grand Lodges, mostly European, none of them English-speaking we are glad to say, and including among their number the Grand Orient of France. This, in itself, is of necessity sufficient to ensure the failure of its efforts to establish a bond of union between the company in which it has cast its lot and the British and American Grand Lodges. It frankly admits "that the Grand Orient of France was wrong in renouncing the formula respecting the Great Architect of the Universe," but fails apparently to see that that organization, by such action placed itself entirely outside the pale of legitimate Masonry, and enters upon an extensive attempt to excuse it and to justify itself in continuing to recognize it.

Canada for 1905 has his hearty approval, in which he says:

Did space permit we would gladly transfer to these pages that portion of M. W. Bro. J. Ross Robertson's historical address dealing with the origin of Speculative Masonry. The gist of it is, and there is no higher authority on the matter, and no more keen investigator than Bro. Robertson, that while the Operative lodges which existed "from time immemorial" were the precursors of the Speculative lodges which existed prior to 1717, we cannot go farther back than about 1600 to find the names of speculative members in the records of the operative lodges. Gradually, in the course of time, the power of the Operative organizations in London and elsewhere gradually waned, and the Speculative element became more general, till during the seventeenth and eighteenth centuries, Speculative lodges, so to speak, had the call, and the Operative control of the Craft passed away. Passing from the introduction of Masonry into America in 1733, and into Canada in Nova Scotia, between 1737 and 1740, Bro. Robertson briefly traced the well-known history of early Freemasonry in the city and province of Quebec.

The report of Foreign Correspondence is again from the pen of that foremost Masonic jurist, M. W. Bro. Henry Robertson, P. G. M. So experienced is he in the art of condensation that his 88 pages contain more real substance for the Masonic student than some reports that are three times as long.

Lodges, 58; members, 5,000; increase, 288.

David A. Manson (Mansonville), G. M.

Will H. Whyte (Montreal), G. S.

RHODE ISLAND.

115th Communication, Providence, May 15, 1905.

The Grand Lodge met under peculiar and sorrowful conditions. Their Grand Master, James E. Tillinghast, died in the previous January. He was born in 1850 and joined the Craft in 1886. He was very highly esteemed by his brethren.

We quote the remarks of the Deputy Grand Master on dispensations and the condition of the Craft:

I have refused all requests for dispensations other than to attend church or for some similar purpose. I do not believe in setting aside the organic law of the whole raft in order to accommodate some individual brother in what is usually a comparatively trivial matter. Every request of this kind that is granted is urged as a reason for granting another. Fancied emergencies that loom large to the perplexed Master shrink to their normal size after his request for a dispensation to meet them in an unconstitutional way is refused, and in most cases he realizes that the refusal had better justification than his request. * * *

The general condition of the Fraternity throughout this jurisdiction is good, as far as I am able to judge from my own observations and the reports of the District Deputy Grand Masters. The reports of the Grand Treasurer and Grand Secretary will give the condition of affairs in detail. I may, however, say that we have gained 195 members during the year, and that the Grand Lodge, for the first time since 1902, is out of debt. We have greatly prospered, as has the Craft throughout the country.

Some wise men say the Fraternity is growing too rapidly. Let us be as willing to apply the brake as to turn on the current, bearing in mind that what is enduring is of slow growth in the affairs of men as in the world of nature.

Lodges, 37; members, 6,429; increase, 195.
Joseph W. Freeman (Central Falls), G. M.
S. Penrose Williams (Providence), G. S.

SCOTLAND.

Quarterly meeting, May 4, 1905.

Charters were granted to six new lodges, including two in Natal, one in Cape Town, and one in Cape Colony.

Bro. I. D. G. Dalrymple was appointed representative of the Grand National Mother Lodge of the Three Globes of Prussia. There's a name as is a name.

The Lord Provost of Edinburgh was appointed Proxy District Grand Master of Jamaica. How he can perform his double duties in places so far apart is a mystery.

A brother in Bombay and one in Cape Town were made Honorary Grand Junior Wardens.

Grand Committee, May 18, 1905.

The pictures in the Board Room and the East Lodge Room were reported as insured for £3,000.

Quarterly meeting, August 3, 1905.

The resolutions of the conference with England and Ireland were adopted. We have already noticed these resolutions in our review of the Grand Lodge of Ireland.

Grand Committee, October 19, 1905.

The committee resumed consideration of the recognition of the Grand Lodge of New Zealand, and having considered the terms of letters from the Grand Secretary of that Grand Lodge, dated 17th November and 22nd December, 1904, and the proposals therein made, was of opinion that the letter of 2nd March, 1899, from the then Grand Secretary of Grand Lodge being a unilateral document, and a different import being placed upon it by the Grand Lodge of New Zealand from what it was intended to convey by the Grand Lodge of Scotland, Grand Lodge should recall that letter. The conditions proposed in the letters from the Grand Secretary of New Zealand to be agreed to by the Grand Lodge of Scotland, and to be incorporated in the Articles of Recognition, were inconsistent with the Constitution and Laws of Grand Lodge. Grand Secretary brought under the notice of the committee the fact that he had recently been informed that the Grand Lodge of New Zealand had recognized the proposed Grand Lodge of Queensland, which had been chiefly formed by certain members of the Grand Lodges of England and Scotland, several of whom were under suspension by these Grand Lodges for certain Masonic offences, and one of them had been not only suspended but expelled from Freemasonry by the Grand Lodge of Scotland for certain serious Masonic offences. Grand Secretary farther stated that he had been informed that these suspensions and expulsion had been intimated to the Grand Lodge of New Zealand prior to that Grand Lodge's recognition of the Queensland body. In disregarding these sentences of suspension and expulsion the Grand Lodge of New Zealand virtually refuses to accord to these two Grand Lodges sovereign authority over their own members, the recognition which it seeks the Grand Lodge of Scotland to accord to it as a sovereign Masonic power. The committee reserved consideration of that unfriendly act on the part of the Grand Lodge of New Zealand, and in reference to the recognition of that Grand Lodge approved of a letter which Grand Secretary suggested should be sent, stating the terms upon which recognition of the Grand Lodge of New Zealand would be granted by the Grand Lodge of Scotland.

The Master and officers of a lodge in New Zealand were all suspended for joining the Grand Lodge of New Zealand.

Annual Communication, Edinburgh, Nov. 30, 1905.
Bro. the Hon. Charles M. Ramsay, G. M.

At this meeting the officers were installed and the festival of St. Andrew celebrated.

Honorary rank of Junior Grand Warden was conferred upon a number of brethren, including some of the "faithful" in New Zealand and Queensland.

From the remarks of the Grand Master at the banquet we learn that the new members for the year were 8, as against 10,438 for the previous year. The income was £9,750. Expenditure from Benevolent Fund, £1, and from Annuity Fund, £2,317. New lodges, 15.

Grand Committee, December 21, 1905.

Non-intercourse was declared with the Grand Lodge of New South Wales because of its recognition of the Grand Lodge of Queensland. Wouldn't that make one tired. It is some satisfaction, however, to know that some day or other they will have to rescind that act. The logic of events is inexorable, and the march of progress can no longer be stayed by any such foolishness.

MINUTES

Grand Committee, January 18, 1906.

Western Australia.—A petition was presented from some brethren craving for authority to re-open Lodge Bonnie D. Perth, Western Australia, No. 839, and representing that the Charter of the lodge was not in possession of any of its members, and could not presently be found. In these circumstances they craved Grand Lodge to grant a dispensation authorizing the lodge to be opened and then conducted in the absence of the Charter, until the same be found or placed. The committee unanimously recommended that the prayer of the petition be granted.

This is one of the lodges belonging to the Grand Lodge of Western Australia, with a membership of 29. In place of exercising brotherly kindness and forbearance the Grand Lodge of Scotland seems determined to stir up strife and create bitterness. There will be two lodges with the same name in the same town and discord is certain to follow. If the Grand Lodge of Scotland could have seen its way clear to let the lodge go and to wish them God-speed in their desire for liberty and self-government, surely a policy of (at least) non-interference would have been more desirable.

Hon. Charles M. Ramsay, G. M.
David Reid (Edinburgh), G. S.

SOUTH AUSTRALIA.

Annual Communication, Adelaide, April, 19, 1905.

Sir S. J. Way, G. M.

In acknowledging the compliment paid to him by his re-election, the Grand Master referred to the fact that the Grand Lodge had completed its twenty-first year, that the objects of its formation had been fulfilled, and that its good example had been followed by the other Australian colonies.

We quote the following from the report of the Grand Inspector :

I have the honor to report that my Deputy and myself have visited as many of the lodges as possible during the past year, and I have much pleasure in stating that the work of the several degrees is carried out in a manner which reflects credit on the Master and officers of the several lodges. Especially is this so in the country, where we have found the brethren very enthusiastic and anxious to perfect themselves in the work.

I am sorry to have to report that the Lodge of Instruction is not taken advantage of nearly so much as it should be ; several times last season there were not enough brethren to open, and the meeting had to be abandoned ; indeed, if it is not better attended this year than it was last I shall seriously consider whether it is worth while holding at all.

The Board declined to recommend the recognition of the Grand Lodge of Queensland. They give no reasons.

Lodges, 44 ; members, 2,833 ; increase, 73.

Sir S. J. Way (Adelaide), G. M.

J. H. Cunningham (Adelaide), G. S.

SOUTH CAROLINA.

128th Communication, Charleston, Dec. 13, 1904.

John R. Bellinger, G. M.

The address of the Grand Master is commended as a masterful production of Masonic doctrine and principles.

Nothing of importance appears in the proceedings. The Grand Secretary presented an extensive and elaborate report on Correspondence, in which Canada for 1903 is favorably mentioned.

129th Communication, Charleston, December 12 1905.

John R. Billinger, G. M.

The Most Worshipful Grand Master stated that as representative of the Grand Lodge of Canada he had received a

very pretty bronze medal as a souvenir of the Centennial celebration recently held in Toronto.

On the state of the Craft Bro. Bellinger says:

During all my thirty years' experience as a Mason I have never known Masonry to be in a more prosperous condition, or working upon a higher plane. From every quarter of the State the same report comes to me. The old lodges are growing in membership and in financial strength, and new ones are being formed. Better still, the new members are composed of the finest and most intellectual members of their several communities—men who are honored and respected by their fellows, and, therefore, men who must be of benefit to Masonry, and to whom Masonry must do good.

Three new lodges were opened.

There is no report on Correspondence owing to the illness of the Grand Secretary. (Bro. Charles Inglesby died in the following March.)

Lodges, 226; members, 8,688; increase, 751.

Frank E. Harrison (Abbeville), G. M.

Jacob T. Barron (Columbia), G. S.

SOUTH DAKOTA.

31st Communication, Aberdeen, June 13, 1905.

Ivan W. Goodner, G. M.

This year has been one of peace and prosperity. One new lodge was formed. The Grand Master refused a dispensation to open a lodge at a joint picnic in a park. We quote the following:

On February 2, 1905, I was requested by the Grand Master of Masons in the Province of Ontario, Canada, to authorize and request Huron Lodge, No. 26, to confer the third degree on Bro. Alex. Kyle, a Fellowcraft member of Rideau Lodge, No. 460, Canada. This was done, and on the 6th day of April, 1905, the brother was duly raised by Huron Lodge.

A resolution to exempt from Grand Lodge dues those members who had paid dues to their lodges for 21 years consecutively, was lost.

Bro. S. A. Brown has a very good report on Correspondence, reviewing Canada for 1904.

Lodges, 103; members, 5,957; increase, 242.

Edgar D. Brookman (Vermillion), G. M.

George A. Pettigrew (Sioux Falls), G. S.

TASMANIA.

15th Communication, Hobart, February 23, 1906.

Hon. C. E. Davies, G. M.

He is also styled a Past Grand Warden of England. As a Grand Master, he is the peer of every other Grand Master, and it appears to us to be in questionable taste to append the inferior title. It is also lowering the dignity of the Grand Body over which he presides.

One of the Grand Inspectors says:

Besides exercising a close supervision over the working of the lodges, I have humbly but earnestly endeavored to impress upon the minds of all a deeper lesson, which it may not be out of place here to briefly summarise: "When you leave the room this evening, do not fold up your Freemasonry and put it away with your evening clothes. Our principles are intended for daily use in our secular lives, and it is our duty to ourselves, to each other, and to the rest of mankind so to apply them. The Craft has highly honored each of us by admitting us to membership. Let us honor it and show our respect for and appreciation of its beautiful teachings by earnestly endeavoring to be faithful exponents of them in our daily lives."

The following was adopted:

That Grand Lodge approves of the adoption of a system of voting by post at the annual election of Grand Lodge officers in all instances in which a ballot is required, and that it be an instruction to the Board of General Purposes to arrange details, so that the system may come into operation at the next annual communication.

The address of the Grand Master was delivered after the installation of officers. We quote as follows:

The reports that you have heard this evening from the Presidents of the Boards must prove very encouraging and satisfactory to us all. We have to thank the presidents and members of both boards who have so admirably carried out the business entrusted to their care; and their efforts have been most ably seconded by our worthy and indefatigable Grand Secretary, of whom personally I cannot speak in too eulogistic terms. The progress of our Grand Lodge is emphasized by the very satisfactory financial and numerical position which has been so fully referred to in the reports that have been submitted. * * *

The only contention that exists between members is one which we should congratulate each other upon, and that is, a generous emulation to try to excel in the conduct of the ceremonial and the upholding of the influence and prestige of their respective lodges. The greatest cordiality prevails, and the visitations that periodically take place amongst the brethren tend very materially to cement that feeling.

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This was referred to the same committee and their deliverance thereon was adopted as follows:

The resolution offered by Bros. Pace and Allen, denouncing Edict No. 41 as "unconstitutional, null and void," though not based upon entirely sound foundations, yet presents an abstract question of much interest, which is not free from difficulty, and would properly engage the controversial talents of a debating society with abundant leisure for lengthened discussion; but your committee cannot recommend the Grand Lodge to pronounce upon its own offspring such a severe and blasting sentence of annihilation until some member materially interested shall demand it.

The edict is supposed to deprive the Grand Master of a constitutional right or privilege. But he is not complaining. On the contrary, a succession of Grand Masters, continuing for more than a quarter century, have pursued without complaint or grumbling the recommendation of the Grand Lodge with reference to the membership of the Committee on Jurisprudence; and so long as the Grand Master cheerfully abides by the edict, which affects only his rights and privileges, your committee sees no ground for complaint by any other living person.

We therefore recommend that the resolution do not pass.

Numerous extracts are given from our Proceedings of 1905 by the Chairman of Correspondence, Bro. Henry A. Chambers.

Lodges, 431; members, 20,120; increase, 700.

Robert Burrow (Bristol), G. M.

John B. Garrett (Nashville), G. S.

TEXAS.

70th Communication, Waco, December 5, 1905.

A. W. Campbell, G. M.

On the state of the Craft he says:

This year has been singularly fortunate and prosperous for this mighty commonwealth, and, while we have been grieved to note that our Sister States have suffered greatly through disease and the action of the elements, this great State has, most fortunately, through the mercy of God, escaped.

Masonry in Texas has never enjoyed an era of greater material prosperity, more activity in the charity of its lodges and members, and happier growth in Masonic work, than that which has marked the year just drawing to a close. And especially, I am proud to note, from my personal knowledge, as well as the observation of others, that the subordinate lodges in this Grand Jurisdiction are requiring a higher moral character and a loftier manhood of those who are desirous of participating in the mysteries of our ancient Order.

There are 158 children and 12 aged widows in the

Widows' and Orphans' Home. A Boy Annex is nearly completed and there is a separate building for the widows. The current expenses for the year amounted to \$26,000.

The following was adopted:

Resolved, That any brother holding a certificate from the Committee on Work, or any member of said committee, who shall in writing or otherwise solicit or request lodges or Masons to employ or accept his service to teach or exemplify the work, shall thereby forfeit his certificate or right to teach, and the Grand Master, upon evidence satisfactory to him that this resolution has been violated, shall revoke the authority of such brother to teach.

Texas is a large State and has all sorts of climates at the same time. The brethren may evidently choose their own particular brand and have the tap turned on at the correct temperature:

The Grand Secretary called for Bro. C. H. Thorn, of Rio Grande Lodge, No. 81, at Brownsville, in the extreme southern portion of the jurisdiction, and for Bro. O. J. Ingham, of Stratford Lodge, No. 874, at Stratford, in the extreme northern part of the jurisdiction, and asked Bro. Thorn to state the condition of the weather when he left Brownsville on Saturday, the second day of the month, and he stated that it was spring-like weather and the grass was fresh and green, and all kinds of flowers were blooming, and that he passed fields of corn that were in roasting ear. Bro. Ingham stated that when he left Stratford on Saturday there was an inch and a half of snow, and the ground was frozen four inches deep. These two brothers, in order to reach Waco, jointly traveled over nine hundred miles.

In his twentieth report Bro. Thomas M. Matthews has the following in his review of our Proceedings for 1905:

A most interesting and instructive address is given in the proceedings, furnished by Past Grand Master Bro. Ross Robertson, upon the "History of Freemasonry and of the Rise and Progress of this Grand Lodge for the Past Fifty Years," tracing the former, very briefly of course, from the time of the "Roman Colleges of Building," in 714 B. C., to the present time. We wish that every Mason who cares to know the truth of the origin of Masonry, of the office of Grand Master, and the earliest formation of Grand Lodges, could read this most excellent paper. To do so would open wide the eyes of some who believe themselves already savants.

Lodges, 723; members, 38,270; increase, 1,617.

S. M. Bradley (Denton), G. M.

John Watson (Waco), G. S.

UTAH.

35th Communication, Salt Lake City, Jan. 16, 1906.

Charles S. Varian, G. M.

The Grand Master visited all the lodges and says:

Throughout the jurisdiction the evidences of peace and prosperity inspire us with confidence and hope. In all the lodges I am pleased to observe the officers and members striving with generous emulation to give shape and substance to lofty Masonic ideals. The events of the past year have been of more than ordinary interest to us Masons. The work upon the Temples in our two principal cities, in realization of hopes long deferred, gives emphasis and identification to our older traditions and serves to strengthen us in our fealty and our faith. At Ogden, Weber Lodge, No. 6, has completed a magnificent temple, which will be occupied by all of the Masonic bodies in that jurisdiction. In this city Utica Consistory of the Scottish Rite has begun the construction of a larger temple, and the building will be completed during the present year.

An unusual occurrence is thus described:

In November last the Grand Secretary received a communication from the Secretary of the National Council of a labor organization, enclosing printed forms of petition and resolution, demanding the enactment of laws restricting immigration to this country. The communication requested the names of the "subordinate secretaries, so as to enable us to mail the enclosed petition and resolution to as many organized bodies of men as possible, so that they may act on it, either as an organization or as individuals." The resolution was in form for adoption by the constituent lodges, and the petition contemplated individual action, the alternative suggested. The action taken, whether by "organized bodies" or "individuals," was to be communicated to the Senators and Representatives in Congress, from this State, soliciting their aid in restricting immigration and thereby giving protection to our own "ignorant and unskilled" against competitive alien labor. In view of the announced purpose to present the matter to the constituent lodges, and thinking it probable that means of so doing would be found independent of the Grand Secretary, I deemed it advisable to formally indicate my official prohibition against any action in the premises by the Craft as organized bodies or Masons, or otherwise as individual citizens, and therefore on December 13th issued an edict directing the same to be communicated to the Master of each lodge in due form, which was done. As far as I am advised, no attempt to intrude political and governmental questions into the body of the Craft throughout this jurisdiction had ever been made before, and consequently this strange, not to say impertinent intrusion, in my judgment, demanded prompt and emphatic action for the better protection and security of our institution.

The Grand Lodge headquarters, the Grand Secretary's office and the library are now located in the new Masonic Temple in Salt Lake City, the second Masonic structure erected in the State of Utah. The Temple at Ogden was erected a few months previously.

In his review of Canada for 1905 the Grand Secretary says:

The historical address was delivered by our dear old friend and brother Past Grand Master J. Ross Robertson, who, as a Masonic student and writer, stands in the front rank, and as he knows the difference between fables and historical facts, his dictum can be relied upon. We would advise our brethren to call at the library and read the address. It covers only twenty-four pages, but it is all there and fills the bill exactly.

Lodges, 11; members, 1,270; increase, 57.

Sidney W. Badcon (Ogden), G. M.

Christopher Diehl (Salt Lake City), G. S.

VERMONT.

112th Communication, Burlington, June 14, 1905.

Olin W. Daley. G. M.

The address contains a record of zealous and devoted service, reflecting honor on the Grand Master and the Grand Lodge. We quote:

From the reports of the District Deputies and the annual returns of the lodges to the Grand Secretary, I find that the condition of the Craft in this State is very satisfactory. While some of the lodges have not had as much work as usual, others have had an increased amount of work, which makes the general average a source of congratulation. All minor differences which occasionally arise in some of the lodges have, so far as I am able to determine, been amicably settled. The net increase in membership during the year just closed has been 232, making our membership at the present time 11,535.

This year, the same as last, several of the lodges have either purchased the buildings in which their lodge rooms are located, or have leased desirable new quarters in new blocks. Several of the lodges have also repaired and refurnished their lodge rooms.

Thinking that some knowledge of the material condition of the various lodges would be desirable and of advantage to the Grand Lodge, I directed the Grand Secretary to issue a circular letter of inquiry to the various lodges. To these inquiries of the Grand Master all the lodges cheerfully made reply. One or two of the principal topics included in this letter have been considered in another part of this address, but the following facts may be of interest:

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The number of lodges owning their buildings or lodge room is 34. The value of these properties is \$90,800. One lodge holds a lease having 500 years to run. The number of these properties taxed is 20. The value of other property owned by lodges is \$65,405, making the total owned by lodges \$156,205. On these properties there is insurance to the amount of \$110,975. Of the various lodge rooms 33 are occupied by other than Masonic bodies, including 25 occupied by the Order of the Eastern Star. Only 19 lodges have vaults or safes for the proper protection of their records. * * *

It has also been my pleasure to make a large number of visits to the subordinate lodges during the year. I have made no attempt on any of these occasions to deliver formal addresses, but I have endeavored to talk earnestly for the cultivation of higher Masonic aims and ambitions, and tried to impress upon the brethren that if we would be Masons in thought, word and action, as well as in name, we must look deeper than the ritual and study the true meaning of the beautiful symbols and ceremonials of our Fraternity.

Their "Digest of Decisions" covered all the points upon which the Grand Master was asked to rule. There were no appeals or grievances.

The following resolutions were adopted:

Resolved, That the Grand Secretary be allowed to expend for the improvement and extension of the Grand Lodge Library a sum equal to twenty cents on every ritual and hand book sold, and to be derived from such sale only. Any resolution now in force making appropriation for the Grand Lodge Library is now repealed.

Whereas, The Masonic Temple was built for the two-fold purpose of providing funds to enable the Grand Lodge of F. & A. M. of Vermont to build a Masonic Home, and also for other charitable uses ; and

Whereas, The debt upon this temple has been so reduced that it seems best for the Grand Lodge to take the preliminary steps necessary to secure such a home ; therefore

Resolved by the Grand Lodge of F. & A. M. of the State of Vermont, That the Trustees of the Grand Lodge and all the Past Grand Masters residing in Vermont, be and the same are hereby appointed a committee to consider this subject—as to the place where a Masonic Home shall be established, the plan and cost of the same, how much of the Grand Lodge funds shall be applied annually to reduce its debt, how much shall be used towards the cost of such a home, and how much for other charitable uses ; also to consider any other phase of this subject germane to it.

The report on Correspondence is again by Bro. Marsh O. Perkins. On the recognition of Queensland he says :

We believe consideration of all such requests should be made regardless of the attitude of England, Scotland, or any other mother Grand Lodge. As we understand it, the Grand

Lodge of Queensland was not only regularly organized, but has been recognized and vouched for by her nearest neighbor, New South Wales, the oldest of the Australasian Grand Lodges, and presumably by others of the same group ere this. Fraternal courtesy is as much due to the youngest member of a great sisterhood as to the oldest, and more so in our judgment when the latter relentlessly places obstacles in the way of the former in its struggle for well deserved independence.

We also take the following from his notice of Canada for 1904:

At the present time Grand Lodge has 381 active lodges on its roll, a net gain of six since the last report. For purposes of visitation and inspection these 381 lodges are divided into 21 districts. All but five of the lodges had been inspected during the year, and the reports of the District Deputies are as usual exhaustive and replete with interest. They show the numerical increase of the past year to have been well nigh phenomenal, the net gain in membership being 2,360, a number exceeding by 300 and more the record of any previous year, and making an aggregate membership of 32,708. The reports agree upon a general accuracy and uniformity of work throughout the entire jurisdiction, good business management, and cases of discipline extremely rare—only four suspensions reported in all. * * *

In view of the approaching semi-centennial of Grand Lodge and with "the object of gladdening the hearts of our beneficiaries, and properly celebrating the occasion," the Board of Benevolence was empowered to increase the sums granted to the general recipients for the year 1905 by one-half—a glorious feature of the coming observance; a committee was appointed to procure a suitable testimonial for the retiring Grand Master; and Past Grand Master Hugh Murray was appointed "to instruct the newly installed District Deputies in the secret work, and in the duties of their office generally"—in this lies the secret in part of the unquestioned success of the District Deputy system in this jurisdiction.

Lodges, 103; members, 11,535; increase, 232.

Walter E. Ranger (Burlington), G. M.

Henry H. Ross (Burlington), G. S.

WASHINGTON.

48th Communication, Bellingham, June 13, 1905.

Edwin Hugh Van Patten, G. M.

He reports eight new lodges.

M. W. P. G. M. Wm. H. Upton introduced R. W. Bro. W. A. DeWolf Smith, Grand Historian and Committee on Foreign Correspondence of the Grand Jurisdiction of British Columbia with a fitting tribute to his worth and ability as a Masonic writer, to which the R. W. brother ably responded and expressed his pleasure at being present.

The Grand Lecturer visited and instructed 70 lodges and found a majority of them doing good work. The following was adopted:

We approve of the recommendation of the Grand Lecturer with reference to the issuance of certificates of proficiency in the Standard Work of Washington, and recommend that the Grand Lodge, under the direction of the Grand Secretary, prepare certificates of proficiency, to be issued to such brethren as may pass a satisfactory examination, under regulations to be prescribed by the Board of Custodians. Said certificate shall be issued for a period of time not to exceed three years. Said certificate shall be signed by the Grand Lecturer and attested by the Grand Secretary, who shall keep the record of all such certificates issued.

The venerable Grand Secretary, the dean of the corps, was absent through illness, his first absence in 41 years and his second absence since the Grand Lodge was organized. The Grand Lodge telegraphed their sympathy and prayers for his recovery.

Lodges, 138; members, 8,997; increase, 1,036.

Abraham Lincoln Miller (Vancouver), G. M.

Thomas Milburne Reed (Olympia), G. S.

WESTERN AUSTRALIA.

Quarterly meeting, Perth, July 22, 1904.

Rt. Rev. C. O. L. Riley, G. M.

Among his numerous visits he mentions one to the lodge at Albany, the only one in the State remaining under the English Constitution. He believes it will not remain long outside.

Bunbury Lodge, No. 882, on the registry of the Grand Lodge of Scotland, has transferred its allegiance to the Grand Lodge of Western Australia.

A new lodge was authorized to be opened at Perth, to be called the Commercial Travellers' Lodge.

Representatives were exchanged with the Grand Lodge of New Hampshire.

We take the following from the report of the Board:

For some years past it has been the practice of Grand Officers, present and past, to wear regalia the property of Grand Lodge at Masonic balls. As this regalia cost nearly £400, the Board considers the wear and tear which is occasioned by these functions to be quite unwarranted. They have, therefore, directed that in the future the practice be discontinued. Of course, Grand Officers who have their own regalia may do as they please.

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Quarterly meeting, Perth, January 27, 1905.

Recognition was received from Connecticut, Costa Rica, Michigan, Louisiana and Ohio.

Two new lodges were opened.

Queensland was recognized by a unanimous vote.

Quarterly meeting, Perth, April 28, 1905.

Scotland still refuses to be friendly, but the logic of events will ultimately establish the right of Masonic self-government. On this subject the Grand Master says:

It would be with extreme disappointment and lasting regret that you listened to the letter from the District Grand Lodge of Scotland which only reached me to-night. Our local Scottish brethren and ourselves agreed to certain proposals for the future harmonious working of Masonry in this State. Scotland will have nothing to say to the expressed wishes of her own children. England used to make this mistake with regard to her colonies, with the most disastrous results. England has, however, learned better. Surely we know what we want, and what would be the best thing to do, far better than they can at home, ten thousand miles away. I am convinced that the majority of our Scotch brethren will be as much disappointed as we are, and more angry, for it is their own people who have done them this dishonor. We can do no more. We have done our best to show that we wished to be friendly. We can but go on our own way still holding out the right hand of fellowship, ready for a hearty grasp whenever our brothers desire to take it. I do not despair that even yet a way out of our present difficulties will be found. All the world is on our side, excepting only Scotland. We can afford to be calm and wait, for such isolation cannot last long.

Not a single lodge in the entire jurisdiction was returned in arrears.

This Grand Lodge was formed in 1900 with 33 lodges. At the end of 1904 there were 74 lodges with a financial membership of 3,550, an increase for the year of 212.

Rt. Rev. C. O. L. Riley (Perth), G. M.

J. D. Stevenson (Perth), G. S.

WEST VIRGINIA.

41st Communication, Charleston, November 15, 1905.

Luther H. Clarke, G. M.

In his opening he says:

Within the Masonic world of West Virginia, the most satisfactory state of affairs has existed since the beginning of my term. Masonry is in the most prosperous condition; many new lodges have been added to our roll of lodges; many new members admitted to our mystic circle, and as is apparent,

from the reports of the District Deputy Grand Masters, our Order is progressing surely and steadily, and with a healthy growth throughout our Grand Jurisdiction

Four new lodges were formed.

The Grand Master conferred the three degrees at sight, having opened an emergent communication of the Grand Lodge for that purpose. No special reason is given for this extraordinary performance, nor why the candidate should not have entered the Craft in the usual way. Nor does it appear why the Grand Lodge was opened. The act could have been done equally as well in the Grand Master's parlor.

The Grand Lecturer and his deputies are commended for their vigor and zeal in disseminating and overseeing the work.

The following was adopted:

Resolved, That it shall be the duty of District Deputy Grand Masters, at their annual visitations to subordinate lodges, to diligently inquire and ascertain the ability of the officers and members of the several lodges to confer the work of the several degrees, and report the result of such investigation forthwith to the Grand Master, who shall at once notify the Worshipful Master of any lodge that is found to be deficient in this particular to secure the services of the Grand Lecturer or one of his deputies to teach the correct work as adopted and taught in this Grand Jurisdiction.

Bro. George W. Atkinson, Grand Secretary for twenty years, having been appointed to a position in the Federal Judiciary at Washington, resigned his position. His brethren regret his departure, but rejoice at his success. The growth and prosperity of the Grand Lodge of West Virginia is very largely the result of his incessant and intelligent labor and fostering care. His absence will also be felt by the reporters, to whom his reviews were always acceptable.

Lodges, 132; members, 10,121; increase, 690.

G. W. McClintic (Charleston), G. M.

H. R. Howard (Point Pleasant), G. S.

WISCONSIN.

61st Communication, Milwaukee, June 13, 1905.

David H. Wright, G. M.

He performed the impossible feat of opening the Grand Lodge of Wisconsin in the State of Maine. It was done in order to conduct the Masonic funeral of a

very highly esteemed Past Grand Master, Oliver Libbey. On this subject the report of the Committee on Jurisprudence was adopted as follows:

We commend the fraternal spirit that prompted the Grand Master to visit the State of Maine and perform the burial services for our lamented brother Libbey, but we do not approve his action in attempting to open the Grand Lodge of Wisconsin outside the jurisdiction thereof. The jurisdiction of this Grand Lodge is the State of Wisconsin, and we are of the opinion that it cannot be opened or do any act outside those limits.

On the work of the lodges the Grand Lecturer says:

The Craft generally is prosperous and harmonious, and, judging by the manner in which the work was exemplified during my visit, are imbued with the proper spirit, and practice Freemasonry according to ancient custom and usage. They endeavor, while working, to emphasize the fact that Freemasonry is an institution founded upon the rock of righteousness and inculcates impregnable integrity, and realize that the true teachings of Masonry cannot be brought out and properly impressed upon the mind of a neophyte, except the work be done with sincerity and solemnity. They feel that levity is not consistent with the sublimity of the lessons of life that it is intended to inculcate in the several lectures, and govern themselves accordingly. In a few instances, however, laxness in this respect was discovered, and the brethren admonished to practice Masonry properly.

In his review of Canada for 1904 Bro. Aldro Jenks copies with approval from the report on the Condition of Masonry, and says:

This form of charity is equally as important as that which more largely passes under that denomination. We may not all be able to give of worldly goods to relieve the reserving cases of suffering and destitution, but we can at least visit the sick and afflicted and speak a word of sympathy and good cheer. This is a form of charity that is sometimes the most acceptable.

We may inform Bro. Jenks that our Grand Lodge pays no mileage or per diem to delegates.

Lodges, 254; members, 21,251; increase, 680.

Jesse C. Bradley (Milwaukee), G. M.

William W. Perry (Milwaukee), G. S.

WYOMING.

31st Communication, Laramie, September 6, 1905.

Frank A. Luckfield, G. M.

The address of the Grand Master opens as follows:

The Masonic year just past has been an uneventful one for the Craft in Wyoming. Much good has been accomplished, however. We have given the world an example of open-handed, large-hearted generosity for which Masonry has so often stood as a synonym. As example is always better than precept, may we not take great comfort in charity actually accomplished? We have been drawn closer together by our common endeavor. Masonry has prospered as never before in all its history. The outer door has been well guarded, but our membership has grown without sacrificing quality—character.

Grand Masters have to answer all sorts of questions, but this one is decidedly novel:

Question: A brother who was killed had petitioned this lodge for affiliation. The Committee on Character reported favorably at our regular two days after his death. Should we ballot on said petition just the same or not?

Answer: A lodge should not ballot on a petition for initiation of a candidate or affiliation of a brother where death occurs before time of balloting arrives.

The Grand Secretary has good reason to be proud of his long and honorable record. He enjoys the esteem and respect of his brethren in no common degree:

In concluding this, my nineteenth report as your Grand Secretary, it may not be out of place to say that in the roll of Grand Secretaries I now rank as number twelve in length of service. My name as Grand Secretary is attached to every lodge charter in the State except the first six. During my service membership has increased from 493 to 1,809, and I have received in Grand Lodge funds altogether the sum of \$25,600.94, every cent of which has been promptly paid to Grand Treasurer, as printed Proceedings show. If this record I am, as I believe, entitled to here say that I am proud, and yet I am prouder still of the long-continued confidence I have enjoyed at your hands, for which I thank you.

The following report was adopted:

We think with the Grand Master that it is unwise to at present permit life membership within this jurisdiction, and urge this Grand Lodge to disapprove such action on the part of subordinate lodges.

In regard to allowing lodges in this jurisdiction to confer the E. A. degree for lodges outside of our jurisdiction, we urge that same be prohibited in Wyoming, because the matter of identification is usually incomplete and unsatisfactory.

In his review of Colorado Bro. William L. Kuykendall has the following very sensible remarks on the recognition of doubtful grand bodies:

The Grand Lodge Valle de Mexico was recognized and "closer reciprocal relations" entered into therewith. If we

are not mistaken, that Grand Lodge has very recently been in pretty close reciprocal relations with the Grand Orient of France, the Pinney Grand Lodge and colored Grand Lodges of Louisiana and District of Columbia, in having a representative sitting with their representatives in the congress held under the auspices of the Grand Lodge Alpina. In connection with this subject we quote the last paragraph of Grand Master's address, appearing under head of "Recognition of Grand Bodies," as follows :

"It is our privilege, and should be our purpose, to maintain fraternal relations and keep in touch with those who have come into the Light, everywhere, under whatsoever skies they may dwell."

To this we agree, provided they have entered the Light as regular and legitimate bodies and have not lapsed into darkness. Are not political machines, nor dominated by civil or any other authority or power. Have absolute and complete control of their organization and the Craft degrees, and do not in any manner recognize or hold fraternal relations with clandestine Masons or bodies of such. We are of the opinion that about the limit in recognizing Grand Bodies now in existence has been reached here and there, and that some of those recognized never entered the true Light which shines for the Masonry of this country, or entering it have allowed darkness to overtake them somewhere in their journey. Bad or doubtful associates never did any man or organization any good, but eventually result in harm through greater or less contamination. The scramble for the almighty dollar that may be secured through trade relations between countries should have nothing to do with the recognition of Grand Bodies that seemingly do not care whether they fraternize with regular or with clandestine Masonry, as we understand both.

Canada for 1904 has fraternal mention.

Lodges, 23; members, 1809; increase, 160.

M. R. Johnston (Wheatland), G. M.

William L. Kuykendall (Saratoga), G. S.

ARKANSAS.

63rd Communication, Little Rock, Nov. 21, 1905.

Styles T. Rowe, G. M.

The ritual work throughout the jurisdiction is nearly uniform and the Schools of Instruction will insure absolute unanimity in the near future. The District Deputies are highly complimented on their efficiency. Nearly every lodge has had the benefit of their instruction. The Grand Master reports twenty new lodges.

Recognition was extended to the Grand Lodge of Queensland and the National Grand Lodge of Egypt.

An edict was adopted for the establishment of an Orphans' Home.

A former edict allowing the initiation of maimed persons was repealed.

This Grand Lodge has resumed the holding of annual sessions, and an amendment to again hold biennial sessions was defeated.

There is no report on Correspondence.

Lodges, 498; members, 17,480; increase, 723.

A. B. Grace (Pine Bluff), G. M.

Fay Hempstead (Little Rock), G. S.

INDIANA.

89th Communication, May 22, 1906.

Alfred W. Emery, G. M.

General prosperity prevails. The sum of \$5,589.50 was subscribed by lodges and individual Masons and sent for the relief of the suffering by the earthquake in San Francisco.

The Grand Representative of Canada, Bro. Simeon P. Gillett, P. G. M., was unable to be present, but he sent the greetings of Canada and hopes for a continuation of prosperity.

Queensland was recognized and the application of Alberta deferred.

On the "Home" question the following was adopted:

The maintenance of such a home would probably cost from \$200.00 to \$250.00 per inmate per annum, in addition to the initial investment. (Whether or not it is the better part of wisdom to undertake to dispense our Masonic charity in such a way rather than to render such individual assistance as may be needed in the different localities, is a question about which many members of the Grand Lodge have serious doubts.)

In view, however, of the fire which has so greatly damaged the property of the Grand Lodge and which will compel large expenditures in case the building is to be restored or remodeled, and in view of the uncertainty which at this time exists as to the demands which may be made upon the Grand Lodge for the protection and preservation of its property, your committee is of the opinion that it is impracticable and inexpedient to take any steps at this time looking toward the institution of a Masonic Home.

In his review of Canada for 1905 Bro. Daniel McDonald gives numerous extracts, and after quoting our expenditure for benevolence, he says:

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How much better this is, it seems to us, than to invest large sums in building Masonic Homes for the few that are eligible to occupy them and receive the benefits that, like the dews of Heaven, should be showered alike upon all the deserving.

A new Constitution was adopted, in which we notice the prayers at the conferring of the several degrees, also the charges to the candidates in each of the degrees. They are considerably changed from those adopted by Preston and Webb, and we do not think any improvement has been made in any of them over the admirably worded charges of these fathers of Masonry, which have stood the test of the brightest critics of the craft for more than a hundred years.

Lodges, 531; members, 45,059; increase, 2,432.

Lincoln V. Cravens (Madison), G. M.

Calvin W. Prather (Indianapolis), G. S.

PROCEEDINGS NOT RECEIVED.

At the date of closing our report the following Proceedings have not been received: Maryland, 1905; New Mexico, 1905; New York, 1906; Virginia, 1906.

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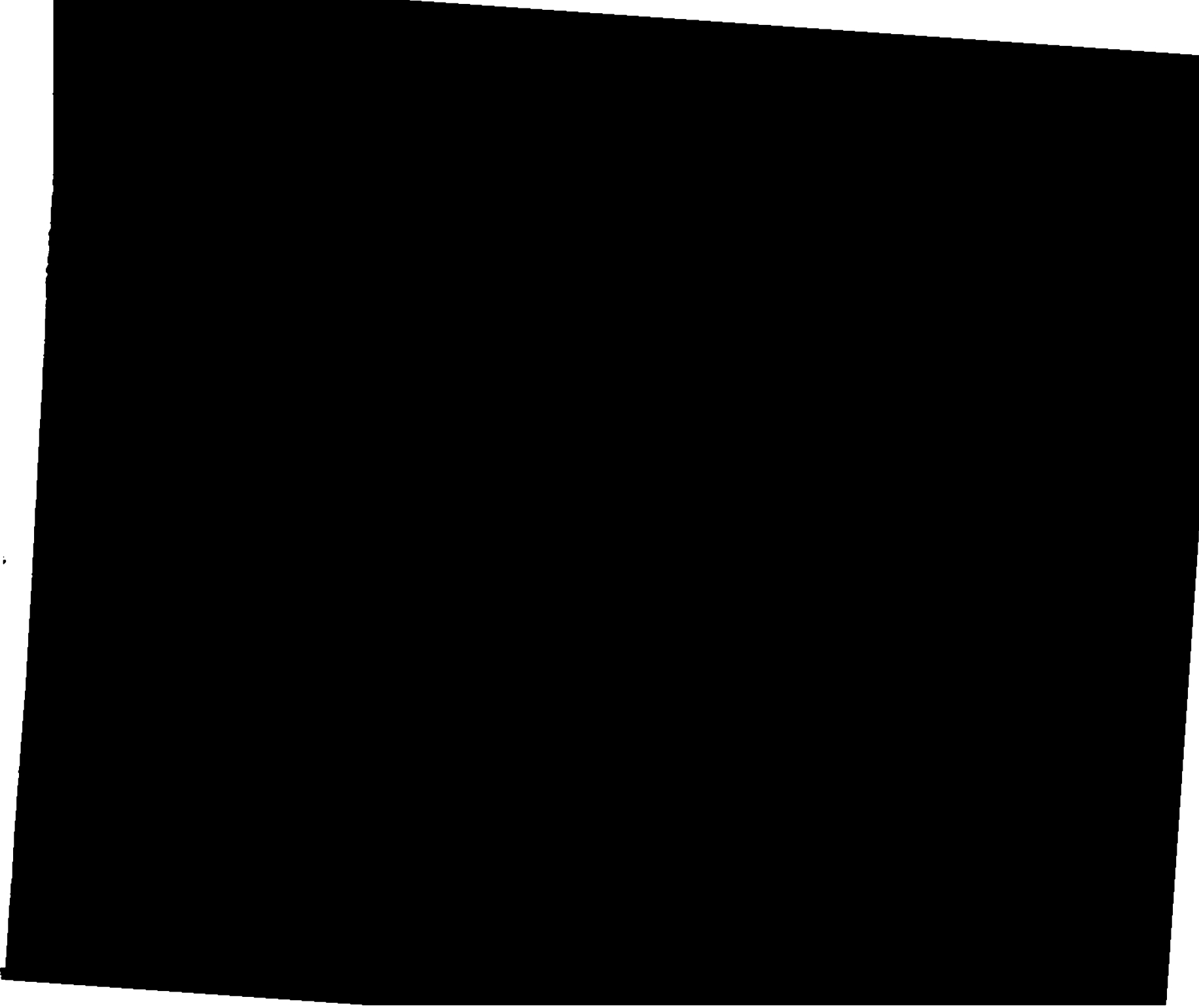
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